



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
5/17/2021

DVN
002703033

FACILITY NAME

THE PEANUTS GANG LEARNING CENTER, INCORPORATED

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

ST PETERS

ZIP CODE

63376-1288

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COUNTY

ST CHARLES

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(C)

Individuals eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be counted in meeting the required staff/child ratios.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (1)(C)

Children shall have no access to areas not approved for child care.

19 CSR 30-62.112 (1)(A)

Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2)- years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On May 17, 2021 the Section for Child Care Regulation received an allegation that The facility is under staffed with all the kids that are present. When the teachers that transport the children leave in the morning starting at 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon about 3:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. the one year old and 4 year old room becomes out of ratio. The 4 year old class will have 15 children with 1 teacher and the 1 and two year old classroom will have 3 one year old's and 7 to 10 two year old's with two teachers. The teacher for the one's and two's class is Janis and Monica. The reporter does not know last names or the teacher names of the 4 year old's room. The reporter first realized this was happening around January and February, 2021. Based on interviews with staff of The Peanuts Gang Learning Center, Incorporated it is determined that preschool classrooms were out of ratio during transportation and throughout the day. Therefore, this allegation is found to be substantiated and the following rule violations are being cited.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (1)(C): Children shall have no access to areas not approved for child care.

AND

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(C): Individuals eighteen (18) years of age or older shall be counted in meeting the required staff/child ratios.

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19 CSR 30-62.112 (1)(A): Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2)- years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group.

On May 20, 2021 caregiver, Janis Holt stated that she normally has about 12, one and two year old children with another caregiver, and that there were a couple of days that she had 14, one and two year old children in care. There used to also be 3 one year old children in her classroom and now there are only 2 one year old children. All of these children are cared for in the two year old classroom that is not part of the infant/toddler unit. The one year old children are cared for in her classroom Monday through Friday all day long.

On May 20, 2021 15 year old volunteer, Caregiver A stated that she was in the classroom with caregiver, Grace when caregiver, Katelyn would leave to transport and the classroom would be out of ratio. This preschool classroom would be out of ratio also when she left the classroom to do dishes or clean and caregiver, Grace would be by herself in the classroom with more than 10 children.

On May 20, 2021 caregiver, Monica Fenske stated there are 12, one and two year old children with two teachers. There are one year old children that come into her classroom. She works in the two year old classroom. The one year old children are in her

classroom all day Monday through Friday.

On May 20, 2021 caregiver, Dillion Ganzer stated that most of the children do combine in one classroom after 5:00 pm and he is the caregiver. There are no babies, but there were two one year old children in the classroom with older children on May 18, 2021.

On May 20, 2021 operations manager, Heather McGhay stated in the afternoon only, there was one classroom out of ratio. This was Ms. Janis's classroom that was out of ratio because Ms. Monica leaves to transport. There would be one teacher with 12 children, one and two years of age. There is a one year old in the two year old classroom every day. The one year old's parent knows that this child is being cared for in the two year old classroom. Ms. Grace and Ms. April were in the 3-4 year old classroom when Ms. Katelyn was transporting.

On May 20, 2021 Child Care Facility Specialist, Stephanie Spaulding discussed with board chairperson, Michael Backers and Operations Manager, Heather McGhay that children under 24 months can not be cared for outside of the infant/toddler unit. In addition, CCFS Spaulding discussed that any time children under 24 months are cared for with children 2 years old, the ratio for the group changes to one caregiver for every four children and the group size for infant/toddler children should not exceed eight (8) children. CCFS Spaulding also discussed with board chairperson, Michael Backers and operations manager, Heather McGhay that a 15 year old volunteer can not count in child/staff ratio.

On June 25, 2021 caregiver, Emily Barber stated that the concerns regarding staffing have improved since the report was made to SCCR. Classrooms would be out of ratio throughout the entire day and during transportation and some of the classrooms would have to combine.

On June 25, 2021 CCFS Spaulding attempted to contact caregivers, Chloe Owens, Katelyn Davis, and Laura Fredrick. A voicemail was left for a return call with Katelyn Davis and Laura Fredrick. A voicemail message could not be left for Chloe Owens. As of July 8, 2021 CCFS Spaulding has not received a return call from Katelyn Davis or Laura Fredrick.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding child/staff ratios. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a statement, signed by all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

3/4/2022

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The provider shall create a plan that ensures children under the age of 24 months are not cared for outside of the I/T unit. The plan shall be reviewed with all staff members (paid employees and paid or unpaid volunteers) and all staff members shall sign a statement that they will adhere to the plan. A copy of the plan and the signed statements shall be provided to the Section for Child Care Regulation.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

10/5/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

7/15/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CLARK, ANGELA