



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

**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

DATE OF REPORT
6/17/2019

DVN
000183377

FACILITY NAME

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

JOPLIN

ZIP CODE

64801-1513

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(1)

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(3)

Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Based on the information obtained during the interviews with caregivers and children who attend the Missouri Southern State University Lion Cub Academy, Joplin, Missouri, CCFS Hohensee determined children were playing in areas where caregivers were not observing them on more than one occasion. All caregivers denied seeing or knowing about the inappropriate behaviors until June 14, 2019 through June 17, 2019; however, Children B, C and D reported the inappropriate behavior occurred and that they hid on the playground so caregivers could not see them. Caregivers Cindy Teem and Celeste Tarrant spoke to the children involved in the inappropriate "private game" and all three children admitted to doing this at the center and caregivers failed to provide the supervision necessary to prevent the children from playing the "private game".

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The facility shall remove any playground equipment that cannot be effectively monitored by caregivers or that blocks the caregivers' view of areas of the playground. The facility must provide verification of these changes to the playground to the Section for Child Care.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

8/8/2019

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review all supervision rules and regulations. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a statement, signed by all staff (paid employees or unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

9/18/2019

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall create a playground plan with zoned areas. Caregivers will be assigned to specific zones to monitor during recess time on the playground. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a copy of this plan and assignments for coverage for at least 4 weeks.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

9/16/2019

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

8/13/2019

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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