



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
6/29/2021

DVN
001552841

FACILITY NAME

MARY MARGARET DAY CARE & LEARNING CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63125-2247

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ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.192(5)(A)

In case of accident or injury to a child, the provider shall notify the parent(s) immediately. If the child requires emergency medical care, the provider shall follow the parent's(s') written instructions.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Laura Wilmesher conducted an investigation regarding the allegation that Child A, 3-years-old, was scratched on her left cheek by Child B, 3-years-old, and the facility did not notify Parent A, parent of Child A, about the injury. After conducting the investigation, CCFS Wilmesher finds this allegation is substantiated. This conclusion is based on the following evidence of licensing rule violations which occurred at the facility:

5 CSR 25.500.192 (5)(A) which states: "In case of accident or injury to a child, the provider shall notify the parent(s) immediately. If the child requires emergency medical care, the provider shall follow the parent(s) written instructions."

On June 30, 2021, CCFS Wilmesher interviewed several staff members at the facility. Director Anastasia "Ana" Purdom stated it depends on the severity of the accident or injury if the facility's staff members call the parent immediately or just notify them at pick-up.

Caregiver Amber Buzzetta stated sometimes the facility will notify the parent immediately if it's a serious injury, but sometimes they just let parents know about the injury when the child is picked up.

Caregiver Cathy Comparato stated when a child is injured, she writes an accident/injury report and notifies Ms. Anastasia, but that it's mostly Ms. Anastasia that would be responsible for notifying the parent when a child has been injured. Ms. Cathy didn't know whether or not Ms. Anastasia notifies parents immediately after an accident or injury occurs.

On June 30, 2021, CCFS Wilmesher interviewed Child A who stated that Child B smacked her on the cheek.

On June 30, 2021, CCFS Wilmesher asked for any accident/injury reports for Child A. CCFS Wilmesher received an accident/injury report dated May 13, 2021, which stated "While outside [Child A] tried to take a car from another child. The other child swiped at her face scratching her." The report indicated that this happened at "10:13" and that the staff member responsible for Child A at the time was Ana Purdom. The report did not indicate how or when Parent A was notified of the injury.

A second accident/injury report dated June 28, 2021, at "8:45" stated, "[Child A] picked up a toy that she thought her friend was done playing with, when friend realized she took it they grabbed [Child A's] hand and bit her :((right index finger)" The report did not indicate how or when Parent A was notified of the injury. The report indicated that Amber Buzzetta was responsible for Child A at the time of the incident.

On June 30, 2021, CCFS Wilmesher also received several accident/injury reports for Child B. Two of the reports indicated that Child B had injured both her left and right big toes, which occurred on June 2, 2021. One report stated Child B injured her left big toe at 10:30, and the other report stated Child B injured her right big toe at 9:00. Neither of the reports indicated that the date or method of notification to the parent.

On July 2, 2021, CCFS Wilmesher interviewed Parent B, parent of Child B, who stated Child B injured her toe at the facility, and the facility informed Parent B when she picked up Child B at the end of the day.

On August 11, 2021, CCFS Wilmesher interviewed Parent A who stated that on Monday, June 28, 2021, Child A came home with a scratch on her cheek, and the facility hadn't notified her that Child A was scratched. Parent A stated Child A told her that she was hit on the cheek by Child B.

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 19 CSR 30-62.192(5) Accidents, Injuries and Emergency Medical Care. The facility must provide the Office of Childhood 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

6/13/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/19/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA