



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE  
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF  
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

**DATE OF REPORT**

6/30/2022

**DVN**

002617083

**FACILITY NAME**

HASSELL IVY LEAGUE, LLC

**FACILITY ADDRESS**

10 SPORTS COMPLEX ST

**CITY**

PARK HILLS

**ZIP CODE**

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**RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1.

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3.

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

5 CSR 25-500.082(6)(A)3.

Adult supervision shall be provided at all times when children are outside. For children three (3) years of age and above, staff/child ratios may be one and one-half (1 1/2) times the indoor staff/child ratios. The required indoor staff/child ratios shall be maintained on the premises at all times.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

Compliance Inspector (CI) Stephanie Spaulding investigated an allegation that Child A, (DOB 7/1/16), went over the playground fence running after a city truck. The teachers had been walking around the playground but at the time of the incident, they were letting children into the facility and didn't see Child A climb over the fence. The parent of another child that attends the center and was being dropped off, informed Amber Mitchel (employee), that Child A was out. This allegation is found to be substantiated and the following rule violations are being cited.

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3. - Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

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5 CSR 25-500.082(6)(A)3. - Adult supervision shall be provided at all times when children are outside. For children three (3) years of age and above, staff/child ratios may be one and one-half (1 1/2) times the indoor staff/child ratios. The required indoor staff/child ratios shall be maintained on the premises at all times.

On July 1, 2022, CI Spaulding observed video footage from June 30, 2022 of Child A leaving the playground space of the facility after climbing the playground fence. Child A was observed climbing the fence and left camera view. CI Spaulding tried to view Child A from another camera angle and Child A was unable to be seen in camera view. Child A is seen climbing the fence at 9:13 am on June 30, 2022 and returns to the facility at 9:23 am on June 30, 2022. Child A was out of the facility for ten minutes.

On July 1, 2022, director, Nicole Hassell and assistant director, Janea Peppers confirmed that Child A did climb the playground fence on June 30, 2022 and was away from the facility for about ten minutes. They contacted Parent A immediately after the incident occurred. They provided consistent statements that Child A was not a known climber and that Child A was in his usual location of the playground when observed by staff on the playground.

On July 1, 2022, caregiver, Abby Weathers stated that she was the second teacher on the playground with Ms. Beverly when Child A climbed over the fence on June 30, 2022. She stated that Child A was not in her classroom, so she did not know that Child A was even on the playground.

On July 18, 2022, caregiver, Beverly Rawson stated that Child A is in her classroom and confirmed that Child A did climb the fence on June 30, 2022 and ran toward the ball field across from the daycare. She stated that Child A was gone from the facility

for 3-4 minutes and does not feel that Child A getting out of the playground area is a lack of supervision on her part . She stated that all of the other classrooms (except infants) were on the playground and that six or seven other staff were on the playground with their children at the time Child A climbed the fence . She stated that she had thirteen or fourteen children in her classroom on the playground on June 30, 2022. She does not recall who her co-teacher was on June 30, 2022.

On July 18, 2022, Parent A stated that the facility did call her after Child A climbed the fence of the playground at Hassell Ivy League, LLC on June 30, 2022. She stated that Child A had just started climbing the fence at home and she had not told the facility about Child A climbing. She assumes that the reason Child A climbed the fence was because he had seen a big truck and thought that it would take him to his grandmother's house. She stated that Child A is being evaluated for a disability .

**CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

<b>CORRECTIVE MEASURE</b>	<b>COMPLETED (Y/N)</b>	<b>COMPLETED DATE</b>
The facility shall create a plan for playground supervision. 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 and implement the plan.	Yes	8/26/2022

<b>CORRECTIVE MEASURE</b>	<b>COMPLETED (Y/N)</b>	<b>COMPLETED DATE</b>
All staff and volunteers must obtain one clock hours on supervision . The training must be held by an approved and qualified source, outside of the Hassell Ivy League, LLC network. Training may be obtained from the Missouri Workshop Calendar. The training calendar can be found at <a href="http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/">http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/</a> . Verification of training completion shall be from the Open Initiative Toolbox report.	Yes	11/14/2022

<b>DISPOSITION</b>	<b>DISPOSITION DATE</b>
SUBSTANTIATED	8/26/2022

**APPROVING SUPERVISOR**  
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