



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
3/9/2020

DVN
002592930

FACILITY NAME

THOMPSON EARLY LEARNING CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

3750 W 10TH ST

CITY

SEDALIA

ZIP CODE

65301-2516

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

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ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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

Caregivers shall be alert to various needs of the child such as thirst, hunger, diaper change, fear of or aggression by other children and the need for attention.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(E)

Caregivers shall have knowledge of the needs of children and shall be sensitive to the capabilities, interests and problems of children in care.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Section for Child Care Regulation determined on March 24, 2020, that Thompson Early Learning Center has violated the above licensing rules based on statements made by Mary Zimmerschied, two and three year old teacher at Thompson Early Learning Center, that she has heard children crying while they are in the bathroom and she has observed children sitting on the toilet up to five minutes. Stacy Curtis teacher at Thompson Early Learning Center stated that about two to three months ago children were crying in the bathrooms while they went potty. The children cried maybe up to one minute. Kirsten Darrah was the staff making children sit and cry. Kirsten Darrah stated that there was an issue with children crying while potty training and Ms. Cady had developed a potty training policy. Kylee Wolfe, teacher at Thompson Early Learning Center stated that before the potty training policy the children might cry for little bit because staff take the children to potty right after the children wake up from their naptime. The children might cry for a minute. Kelly Cady, former director of Thompson Early Learning Center, stated that she developed the potty training policy around the middle of February 2020, because two staff members came to her with concerns with Kirsten Darrah having the children sit on the toilet up to ten minutes. Ms. Darrah was making the other staff member have the children sit for long periods of time. There was one child who would cry every time she was on the toilet.

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Thompson Early Learning Center will develop a potty training policy that will outline how each classroom will develop an individual potty training plan with the parent of any child who shows signs of readiness to potty train. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the potty training plan shall be agreed upon by the parent and the facility, the child's readiness signs, how often the child will be going to the potty, and the length of time the child remains on the potty. The policy shall be submitted to SCCR for approval.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

4/21/2020

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

All Thompson Early Learning Center staff, including the director, will complete a pre-approved 1.5 hours training on social and emotional health of children. This training may be found on moworkshoptraining.org or Section for Child Care Regulation website www.health.mo.gov/safety/childcare and will be counted in the required 12 hours of annual training. All training must be posted to OPEN to be in compliance

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

5/22/2020

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

4/14/2020

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

BRUCE, CHRISTINA