



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
2/2/2024

DVN
002636606

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CITY

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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 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 25-500.182(1)(D)1.

Infants and toddlers shall have constant care and supervision. Home monitors or commercial devices marketed to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) shall not be used in place of supervision while children are napping or sleeping.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) JD Greer conducted an unannounced investigation of the allegation that on February 1, 2024, Ms. Taylor, who is a 1-year-old teacher, left Child A (1 year old) out on the playground for 15-20 minutes while she took her class inside. The allegation is substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1. which states, "Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent supervision."

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

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(D)1. which states, "Infants and toddlers shall have constant care and supervision. Home monitors or commercial devices marketed to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) shall not be used in place of supervision while children are napping or sleeping."

On February 2, 2024, Compliance Inspector (CI) JD Greer interviewed Director Michelle Looney, who stated on February 1, 2024, Child A (14 months old) was left out on the playground. Caregiver Nikki McCann was leading the class inside, and Caregivers Brittany Maguire and Taylor Lathrom were the last two caregivers to come in. Caregiver Maguire did not do a headcount coming in from outside. Caregivers are required to do a face to name with ID cards of children. A face to name was not completed on the way into the classroom or once in the classroom.

On February 2, 2024, CI Greer interviewed Caregiver Jaquelynn Davidson, who stated on February 1, 2024, she was on the playground with her 2-year-old class which is next to the toddler playground. She observed Caregivers McCann, Lathrom, and Maguire on the playground with their toddler class. The three caregivers and children returned to their classroom. Approximately three minutes after the class had entered the building, she observed Child A was outside alone on the toddler playground.

On February 2, 2023, CI Greer interviewed Caregiver Nikki McCann, who stated on February 1, 2024, she was on the toddler playground with Child A and seven other children for a total of eight children. Caregivers Lathrom and Maguire were also present on the playground. Caregiver McCann went in first with four children and began checking and changing diapers. She was inside

approximately 15-20 minutes with the first four children. It was at least five minutes between the time Caregivers Lathrom and Maguire returned to the classroom and Caregiver Tiffani Moran brought Child A to Caregiver Maguire 's classroom.

On February 2, 2024, CI Greer interviewed Caregiver Brittany Maguire, who stated on February 1, 2024, she was on the playground with Caregivers McCann and Lathrom and eight children. Child A was present on the playground. Caregiver McCann entered the building first to begin changing diapers. Child A was in Caregiver Lathrom's room, but Caregiver Maguire was taking over the classroom. Caregiver Lathrom was the last caregiver in the door. Caregiver Moran brought Child A to her classroom. It was approximately three minutes between the time that she entered the classroom and Caregiver Moran brought Child A to her . Child A did not look upset. Caregiver Maguire did not count children coming in from outside.

On February 2, 2024, CI Greer interviewed Caregiver Taylor Lathrom, who stated on February 1, 2024, she was on the playground with Child A. She was standing at the door to the playground talking to a grandparent who was picking up their child. Caregiver Lathrom was the last caregiver in the door. She was getting ready to leave for the day and Caregiver Maguire was taking over her classroom. She should have double checked and looked around before coming in the door, but she did not. She did not do a count as children were coming in the door. Usually, she does a head count and sometimes a face to name count. She did not check with Caregiver Maguire to make sure she had all of the kids in her class. Caregiver Moran came inside with Child A. It could not have been more than a minute that Child A was left outside alone .

On February 22, 2024, CI Greer interviewed Caregiver Tiffany Moran, who stated on February 1, 2024, she was on the 2-year-old playground with her class. She saw Caregivers McCann, Lathrom, and Maguire going inside with the children. Approximately three minutes or less after Caregivers McCann, Lathrom, and Maquire went inside with their children, she looked over and saw Child A alone on the playground. She ran over to the toddler playground and took Child A inside.

On February 2, 2024, CI Greer reviewed an incident report for February 1, 2024, and observed staff members responsible for Child A at time of the incident are Taylor (Lathrom), Nikki (McCann), and Brittany (Maguire). Coming in from outside, Child A was overlooked by the last teacher and was left on the playground. A two's teacher spotted him and brought him inside.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall notify all caregivers (paid employees and paid or unpaid volunteers) of the violations which were substantiated and specify the actions to be taken by all caregivers, in order to comply with all violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or meeting agenda shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.	Yes	3/6/2024

DISPOSITION	DISPOSITION DATE
SUBSTANTIATED	2/28/2024

APPROVING SUPERVISOR
FOX, ROMENA