

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

DATE OF REPORT 11/30/2020

DVN

001856666

FACILITY NAME

WEE WELCOME YOU DAYCARE LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

749 LIBERTY VILLAGE DR

CITY	ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER	COUNTY
FLORISSANT	63031	(314) 838-9805	ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-61.115 (5)

Any household member or any person present at the home during hours in which child care is provided shall not present a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the children.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On November 30, 2020 the Section for Child Care Regulation received an allegation caregiver A has combative and manic/psychotic issues that have required interventions from law enforcement and medical staff. Over the last few years caregiver A comes outside and is yelling and inside the house yelling, I can hear the yelling and screaming inside my house even with my windows closed. The law enforcement and medical staff do come there while the children are present. This was alleged to have occurred at Wee Welcome You Daycare LLC (residence of provider, Linda Beecham). While interviews did not provide evidence that law enforcement and medical staff have been present at the residence during child care hours, a report from the St. Louis County Police Department on October 19, 2017 states that law enforcement and medical staff were present at Wee Welcome You Daycare LLC on October 19, 2017 at 2:01pm during child care hours. This report is substantiated and the following rule violation is being cited:

19 CSR 30-61.115 (5): Any household member or any person present at the home during hours in which child care is provided shall not present a threat to the health, safety or welfare of the children.

On November 30, 2020 reporter, Charlotte Drew stated that Caregiver A can be heard yelling from inside the house and outside of the house in which provider, Linda Beecham cares for children. She stated that this occurs during child care hours and that law enforcement and medical staff have been present at the home of the provider during child care hours.

On December 16, 2020 Child Care Facility Specialist, Stephanie Spaulding received police records from the St. Louis County Police Department for response calls made to 749 Liberty Village Drive, Florissant, MO 63031 between 2015 to December 2020. On October 19, 2017 at 2:01 pm law enforcement responded to a call at the residence of Wee Welcome You Daycare (Linda Beecham). At the time of arrival, children were in care. The police report for this incident states the following.

"On 10/19/17 at 1401 hours, I was dispatched to 749 Liberty Village Dr., St. Louis, MO 63031 for a report of a disturbance.

Upon arrival, I made contact with Beecham, Linda (B/F, DOB 07/01/1954) who stated she was assaulted by her daughter she identified as 'caregiver A' (information redacted) (B/F, DOB 06/14/1984). Beecham stated 'caregiver A' (information redacted) was diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia and had not been on her medication for awhile. Beecham stated 'caregiver A' (information redacted) came upstairs from the basement and began bothering the children at her daycare service. Beecham stated when she told 'caregiver A' (information redacted) not to bother the kids, 'caregiver A' (information redacted) slapped her right arm twice and then hit her in the face with an open hand. Beecham stated she walked away from 'caregiver A' (information redacted) and called the police. Beecham stated she did not want to press charges on 'caregiver A' (information redacted) but just wanted to get her help. Beechum had no signs of physical injuries.

I made contact with 'caregiver A' (information redacted) in the basement where 'caregiver A' (information redacted) continued to read off several different Bible scriptures, yelling them in a very loud tone. 'Caregiver A' (information redacted) appeared to be very flustered and upset and was sweating profusely at the time. 'Caregiver A' (information redacted) refused to answer any

questions that I asked her and continued to yell out different Bible verses. Florissant EMS 4037 arrived on scene with paramedics Grossenheinder P15131 and Mahaffy P18823 and transported 'caregiver A' (information redacted) to (information redacted) where I completed an affidavit form. A CIT report will be completed by this officer as well.

Nothing further at this time."

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-61.175 (1)(C)(7)

Physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, slapping, shaking, biting or pulling hair shall be prohibited.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On November 30, 2020 the Section for Child Care Regulation received an allegation that the reporter had personally witnessed provider, Linda Beecham in her back yard, striking the children. The provider smacks children on the behind, she (Linda) has turned a little girl around and has continuously smacked her on her bottom, about 3 to 4 times. I have never seen this happen until this summer the hitting began. If I had to guess the little girl she is hitting is about 4 years old. The children I see her whacking are all small children between 4 and 5 years old. Based on interviews this allegation is substantiated. Therefore, the following rule is being cited:

19 CSR 30-61.175 (1)(C)(7): Physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, slapping, shaking, biting or pulling hair shall be prohibited.

On November 30, 2020 reporter, Charlotte Drew stated that she has witnessed provider, Linda Beecham hit children on the behind while on the playground. She stated that the children she has seen Linda hit are 3 to 4 years old and that this started during the summer months.

In addition to the reporter, on December 30, 2020 Child A stated the provider, Linda Beecham hit Child B because he wasn't following directions (date unknown). Child A stated that they were all sitting down when Linda hit Child B. Child A stated that she doesn't remember when it happened, but she thinks it was a long time ago.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
All staff members (paid employees or unpaid volunteers) must take the 1.0 clock	Yes	8/4/2021

All staff members (paid employees or unpaid volunteers) must take the 1.0 clock hour DHSS online training course titled, "Making a Difference: Protecting Health and Keeping Children Safe" available at

https://health.mo.gov/safety/childcare/onlinetraining.php Verification of attendance shall be through the Toolbox report. The provider needs to notify CCFS June Allen upon completion.

CORRECTIVE MEASURE COMPLETED (Y/N) COMPLETED DATE 8/4/2021

Yes

The facility shall have all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers) obtain one (1) clock hour of approved training on discipline, outside the Wee Welcome You Daycare LLC network. Training may be obtained from the Missouri Workshop Calendar. The training calendar can be found at http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/. The local Child Care Aware agency may also assist in finding training. The Child Care Aware website can be found at http://www.childcareaware.org/. Verification of training completion shall be from the Open Initiative Toolbox report. The provider needs to notify CCFS June Allen upon completion.

CORRECTIVE MEASURE COMPLETED (Y/N) **COMPLETED DATE** 7/28/2021 Yes

The provider shall create a plan to ensure that children are not exposed to anyone who presents a threat to children's health, safety or welfare. A copy of the plan shall be provided to the Section for Child Care Regulation, attention CCFS June Allen.

DISPOSITION DISPOSITION DATE

SUBSTANTIATED 2/17/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CLARK, ANGELA