



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT

9/22/2021

DVN

002038511

FACILITY NAME

MONTESSORI DAY SCHOOL OF BLUE SPRINGS, LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

1505 NW MOCK AVE

CITY

BLUE SPRINGS

ZIP CODE

64015-3096

PHONE NUMBER

(816) 224-2525

COUNTY

JACKSON

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

HEISER, CRYSTAL

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(A)

Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2) years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group;

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The Office of Childhood - Child Care Compliance has determined the allegations of this complaint to be substantiated. The determination is based on interviews with Terri Blanchford, Director and caregivers Darlin Saavedra and Sara Woods-Hedges.

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Director, Terri Blanchford admitted that ratio has been an issue. Terri admitted that the facility has had moments of being out of ratio. Terri stated that those moments of being out of ratio are for a few minutes at a time but not for long periods of time. Being out of ratio has been due to staff coming back from lunch late or not showing up to work. Terri stated they have frozen enrollment based on lack of staffing and staff not being reliable to attend work on time.

Caregiver, Sara stated that ratio has been an issue in the last few weeks in the morning as they are waiting for staff to arrive. Sara said staff are arriving late and children are arriving earlier than they normally do. Sara stated the most she has had in the infant room was 5 or 6 children for no more than 30 minutes by herself.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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Signs shall be posted at all entrances of the rooms displaying the required staff/child ratios.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

12/31/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/9/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

NURNBERG, TONY A