



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF  
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT  
7/10/2020

DVN  
002706629

**FACILITY NAME**

IN THE BEGINNING CHRISTIAN CHILDCARE

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**RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

**VIOLATION(S)**

19 CSR 30-62.082 (1)(C)

Children shall have no access to areas not approved for child care.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (6)(A)(1)

A fenced outdoor play area shall be available on or adjoining the day care property . The play area shall be located so it is convenient and the children can gain access to it without hazard. For facilities initially licensed after the effective date of these rules or for the installation of new fences in existing facilities, the fence shall be at least fortytwo inches (42") high. An outdoor play area used exclusively for school-age children shall not be required to have a fence. Fences shall be constructed to prevent children from crawling or falling through or becoming entrapped.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (6)(A)(4)

The play area shall be safe for children's activities, well-maintained, free of hazards such as poisonous plants, broken glass, rocks or other debris and shall have good drainage.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

On July 13, 2020, Child Care Facility Specialist (CCFS) Jessica Graham investigated the allegation that children are playing in the front yard near the road. After interviews with caregivers and children, and observing the front yard outdoor space, this allegation is substantiated based on the following rule violations:

19 CSR 30-62.082 (1)(C) which states, "Children shall have no access to areas not approved for child care."

Inger Roberson, director, stated that she thought the front yard area had been approved as child care space by her child care specialist. Inger was she was not aware that children could not play in this space.

Children attending the daycare stated that they have been playing outside in the front yard and on the porch/ramp area on multiple occasions. The front yard has not been approved as outdoor space for the child care center, therefore, children should not be playing in this space.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (6)(A)(4) which states, "The play area shall be safe for children's activities, well-maintained, free of hazards such as poisonous plants, broken glass, rocks or other debris and shall have good drainage."

19 CSR 30-62.082 (6)(A)(1) which states, "A fenced outdoor play area shall be available on or adjoining the day care property . The play area shall be located so it is convenient and the children can gain access to it without hazard. For facilities initially licensed after the effective date of these rules or for the installation of new fences in existing facilities , the fence shall be at least forty two inches (42") high. An outdoor play area used exclusively for school-age children shall not be required to have a fence. Fences shall be constructed to prevent children from crawling or falling through or becoming entrapped."

The front yard space is approximately 19 feet from road, which has a speed limit of 35mph. If children are riding toys down the ramp, they run onto the sidewalk area that is within 2 feet of the road. The front yard is not fenced and there is no barrier to stop the children from riding into the road.

**VIOLATION(S)**19 CSR 30-62.212 (1)(B)

Written parental consent shall be on file at the facility for field trips and transportation.

19 CSR 30-62.212 (1)(C)

Parents shall be informed when field trips are planned.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

On July 13, 2020, Child Care Facility Specialist (CCFS) Jessica Graham investigated the allegation that Inger Roberson, director, is taking children in her personal vehicle to the store without parental permission. This allegation is substantiated based on the following rule violations:

19 CSR 30-62.212 (1)(B) Written parental consent shall be on file at the facility for field trips and transportation .

19 CSR 30-62.212 (1)(C) Parents shall be informed when field trips are planned.

Child A, age 9 years, stated that Inger Roberson will take kids in her car. Child B, age 7 years, stated that Inger took him to school in her car when he missed the bus. Child B also stated that other children have rode in Inger's car.

Inger Roberson, director, stated that she does have a Class E license and will transport children in her car. Inger stated that parents gave her permission to transport children; however, Inger does not get written permission for each time she transports a child. Inger stated that she took Child D, age 8, in her car with her to the store because he was acting up at the facility for another caregiver. Inger did not get permission to transport Child D on that day.

**VIOLATION(S)**19 CSR 30-62.092 (3)(A)

All outdoor equipment shall be constructed safely, in good condition and free of sharp, loose or pointed parts. Only lead-free paint shall be used.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (6)(A)(4)

The play area shall be safe for children's activities, well-maintained, free of hazards such as poisonous plants, broken glass, rocks or other debris and shall have good drainage.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

On July 13, 2020 CCFS Graham investigated a complaint that a nail is protruding from a wooden platform in the playground. Based on an interview with Inger Roberson, director, and an observation of the platform, this allegation is substantiated.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (6)(A)(4) The play area shall be safe fore children's activities, well-maintained, free of hazards such as poisonous plants, broken glass, rocks or other debris and shall have good drainage.

19 CSR 30-62.092 (3)(A) All outdoor equipment shall be constructed safely, in good condition and free of sharp, loose or pointed parts. Only lead-free paint shall be used.

Inger Roberson stated that the platform was used as a stage by the children but was getting older and needing some work. Inger decided to have the platform removed, so she contacted someone to remove it but due to weather they have not been able to remove it.

CCFS Graham observed the platform and there were several boards on the platform that were loose with screws protruding from the platform. It was discussed with Inger that this was not a safe space for the children to play.

**VIOLATION(S)**19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(C)(8)

No discipline technique which is humiliating, threatening or frightening to children shall be used. Children shall not be shamed, ridiculed or spoken to harshly, abusively or with profanity.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

On July 13, 2020, Child Care Facility Specialist (CCFS) Jessica Graham investigated the allegation that a child was called "evil" by a staff member and has been called a liar. This allegation is substantiated based on the following rule violation:

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(C)(8) which states, 'No discipline technique which is humiliating, threatening, or frightening to childrne shall be used. Children shall not be shamed, ridiculed, or spoken to harshly, abusively, or with profanity.'

On July 13, 2020 Child B, age 7 years, said that the teachers will call the children "bigheads" when they make bad choices over and over. Child B said that Leigh Williams and Inger Roberson are the teachers that call kids names.

Inger Roberson stated that told Child D, age 8 years, that he was "evil" because he let go some bugs that another child was collecting. Inger also stated that she will call the children "animals", but that it is in a joking manner and the children will laugh at that name.

#### **VIOLATION(S)**

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(1)

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(5)

A caregiver shall remain in the room with preschool and school-age children while they are napping or sleeping and shall be able to see and hear them if they have difficulty during napping or when they awaken .

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(C)(11)

Children shall not be permitted to intimidate or harm others, harm themselves or destroy property.

#### **CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

On July 13, 2020, Child Care Facility Specialist (CCFS) Jessica Graham investigated the allegation that an 8 year old (Child D) said that two girls pulled their pants down (no bare bottoms) in front of him. A 6 year old (Child C) disclosed on July 6, 2020 that "people have been seeing her privates." A 9 year old and 7 year old have molested Child C multiple times (she counted 5 on her fingers) by licking her with no panties on and penetrating her vagina and anus with their fingers "digging in her." These instances all occurred at naptime.

The investigation found the following rule violations occurred:

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(1) which states, "Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision."

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(5) which states, "A caregiver shall remain in the room with preschool and school-age children while they are napping or sleeping and shall be able to see and hear them if they have difficulty during napping or when they awaken ."

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(C)(11) which states, "Children shall not be permitted to intimidate or harm others, harm themselves or destroy property."

The mother of Child C, 6 years, stated that Child C told her on Monday, July 6, 2020, that people at the day care have been seeing her privates. Child C told her mother that Child A, 9 years, and Child F, 7 years, have molested her by licking her vagina and anus. Child C told her mother that this happened in the bathroom and under a blanket. Child C counted 5 times on her fingers that this has happened. Child D also told her mother that Child A pulled her pants down and showed her bare bottom to him.

Child D, 8 years, stated that Child A and Child F were showing their privates to each other. Child D said one day Child A pulled her pants down to him while he was laying by the bathroom. When this occurred, Child D stated that the teachers were all up front, so they didn't see Child A.

Child B, 7 years, stated that Child A pulled her pants down at nap time while all the teachers were in the infant room . Child B said that Ms. Inger was changing a child in the infant room and Ms. Leigh was sleeping in the toddler room. Child B said that Child A pulled her pants down and then pulled her panties down and then started turning around . Child B stated on another occassion Child A pulled her pants down by the bathroom and told Child D, 8 years, that she would give him \$10 if he would look at her with her pants down.

Child G's (5 years) mother told her that she was playing a kissing game with Child A. They would kiss each other on the cheek. Child G said that Child A changed the rules and would tell them to close their eyes and they had to kiss wherever their finger was pointing. Child A would then move her body to match their finger and had her bottom up for Child G to kiss . Child G told her no, that she wasn't going to do that.

Child G stated that Child A was laying on her cot in the prek room with a blanket over her and she showed her butt to Child B . Child G said that Ms. Leigh was sleeping and Ms. Inger was in the toddler room.

Inger Roberson, director, stated that she had heard rumors going around that there had been some inappropriate touching between some children at the day care. Inger was not aware of any situation like that. Inger said that Child F, Child C and Child A all like to play with blankets at the day care but they are not allowed to. These children want to have a secret club under the blanket. On the morning of July 13, 2020, Child B's mother told Inger at drop off that Child B mentioned a kissing game that Child G (sister) had been playing with Child A. This was the first that Inger had heard of the this kissing game. Inger stated that she was not aware of any of the children pulling their pants down. Inger felt that because Child B had said this, that this incident really happened. Inger said that things like this could happen fast, like if she leaves to go to the bathroom or something similar.

Inger said that during naptime she does allow the staff members to "rest". For instance Leigh will go and take a nap in the front classroom while she is on break. During naptime Inger will usually leave to run errands, but there are always 2 caregivers

present during nap.

## CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall have all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers) obtain two (2) clock hours of approved training on supervision of children, outside the In the Beginning Christian Childcare 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> . The local Child Care Aware agency may also assist in finding training. The Child Care Aware website can be found at <a href="http://www.childcareaware.org/">http://www.childcareaware.org/</a> . Verification of training completion shall be from the Open Initiative Toolbox report.	Yes	2/28/2023
The facility will submit a statement that children will only be transported by caregivers with a Class E license and parent's written permission.	Yes	2/28/2023
Photos shall be submitted verifying that the outdoor platform was removed or repaired.	Yes	2/28/2023
The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding transportation. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a statement, signed by all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.	Yes	2/28/2023
All staff members (paid employees or unpaid volunteers) must take the 1.0 clock hour DHSS online training course titled, "Child Care Transportation Awareness Training" available at <a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/childcare/onlinetraining.php">https://health.mo.gov/safety/childcare/onlinetraining.php</a> Verification of attendance shall be through the Toolbox report.	Yes	2/28/2023
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 <a href="https://health.mo.gov/safety/childcare/onlinetraining.php">https://health.mo.gov/safety/childcare/onlinetraining.php</a> Verification of attendance shall be through the Toolbox report.	Yes	2/28/2023
The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding supervision. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a statement, signed by all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.	Yes	2/28/2023
The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review all licensing rules and regulations regarding physical requirements. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a statement, signed by all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.	Yes	2/28/2023

### DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

### DISPOSITION DATE

9/1/2020

### APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CLARK, ANGELA