



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

DATE OF REPORT
7/14/2022

DVN
000398083

FACILITY NAME

LA PETITE ACADEMY, INC.

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

ST JOSEPH

ZIP CODE

64506

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

BUCHANAN

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

GREER, JOHN

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)6.

Firm, positive statements or redirection of behavior shall be used with infants and toddlers.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On July 14, 2022, the Office of Childhood received an allegation that Caregiver Hannah Aldrich grabbed Child A (20-months-old) by one arm, picked him up, and placed him on another cot. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) JD Greer has found the allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)6. which states, "Firm, positive statements or redirection of behavior shall be used with infants and toddlers."

On July 26, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Assistant Director Heather Thompson who stated on July 11, 2022, Parent A (Parent of Child A) called the facility to state they had seen Caregiver Hannah Aldrich lift Child A (20-months-old) by one arm. Ms. Thompson reviewed the footage and observed on July 11, 2022, at approximately 11:50 a.m., Ms. Aldrich lifted Child A by one arm and moved him from another child's cot to his own. Ms. Thompson spoke with Ms. Aldrich who stated Child A was on the wrong cot. Ms. Aldrich told Child A he was on the wrong cot. Ms. Thompson picked Child A up by one arm and moved him to his assigned cot.

On July 26, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Caregiver Mikayla Johnson who stated she does not feel Ms. Aldrich is a good teacher. She saw Ms. Aldrich lift children inappropriately on multiple occasions.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding redirecting behavior. Specifically, 5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)6. which states, "Firm, positive statements or redirection of behavior shall be used with infants and toddlers.". The facility must provide the Office of Childhood- Childcare Compliance 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.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/19/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

2/8/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

NURNBERG, TONY A