



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT

6/7/2023

DVN

002191677

FACILITY NAME

YOUNG PROFESSORS DAY CARE LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

424 REMINGTON PLAZA CT

CITY

RAYMORE

ZIP CODE

64083

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

CASS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

IBBOTSON, JESSICA

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)3.

Only constructive, age-appropriate methods of discipline shall be used to help children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their own actions.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Jessica Ibbotson conducted an investigation regarding the allegation that Director Smith told staff to cover the children's faces for the entire length of naptime of two hours so that they could not be seen or heard. After conducting the investigation, CI Ibbotson finds this allegation is substantiated. This conclusion is based on the following evidence of licensing rule violations which occurred at the facility:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)3. which states: "Only constructive, age-appropriate methods of discipline shall be used to help children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their own actions."

On June 27, 2023, CI Ibbotson interviewed Child D, Child E, Child F, Director Smith, Caregiver Coburn and Caregiver Gibson. Child D stated that her head was always covered with a blanket during naptime by her teachers and that she could not remove it until she fell asleep. Child E stated that her teachers covered her head with a blanket during naptime even though she did not like it because she wanted to get fresh air. Child F stated that her head was always covered during naptime with a blanket by her teachers. Caregiver Coburn and Caregiver Gibson both stated that they were directed by Director Smith to cover the heads of the children when taking a nap to help them fall asleep. Caregiver Coburn stated that if a child moved the blanket off of their head, she would immediately place it back over their head. Caregiver Coburn also stated that children would often times tell her they did not want their heads covered but she would do it anyway. Caregiver Gibson stated that as soon as a child fell asleep, she would remove the blanket from their head but if the child requested for their head to not be covered, she would not do it.

CI Ibbotson conducted a walkthrough of the facility during naptime and observed four children in Caregiver Coburn's 2-year-old classroom with their heads covered by blankets, five children in Caregiver Gibson and Caregiver Hudson's 3-year-old to 4-year-old classroom with their heads covered by blankets and three children in Caregiver Hernandez's 4-year-old to 5-year-old classroom with their heads covered by blankets and both preschool age classrooms, ages 3-year-old to 5-year-old with their heads covered by blankets. CI Ibbotson observed all children to be sleeping.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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All staff and volunteers of Young Professors Day Care LLC must obtain one clock hour of training approved by the Child Care Compliance Section on age appropriate discipline. The training must be held by an approved and qualified source outside of the Young Professors Day Care LLC network.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

10/19/2023

DISPOSITION SUBSTANTIATED		DISPOSITION DATE 8/4/2023
APPROVING SUPERVISOR FOX, ROMENA		