



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
5/31/2022

DVN
002632735

FACILITY NAME

COVENANT FOR LIFE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

4417 N HIGHWAY 67

CITY

FLORISSANT

ZIP CODE

63034-2831

PHONE NUMBER

(314) 801-8002

COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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RSMo 210.254.2.

The notice of parental responsibility shall include the following:

RSMo 210.254.2.(5)

The disciplinary philosophy and policies of the child-care facility; and

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Stephanie Spaulding investigated an allegation of staff spanking children as a form of discipline . Based on interviews with the staff of Covenant For Life Child Development Center , this allegation is found to be substantiated. The following statutes are being cited.

RSMo 210.254.2. - The notice of parental responsibility shall include the following:

RSMo 210.254.2.(5) - The disciplinary philosophy and policies of the child-care facility;

On June 3, 2022, director, Athena Osoko stated that Child A does have behaviors and that she had signed permission from Parent A to spank Child A if necessary as a form of discipline . She stated that spanking is not a form of discipline in the facility's Notice of Parental Responsibility. She has only spanked a child at the facility that she had signed parental permission to do so but has never spanked Child A. Caregivers Arius Trice and Angie Triplett stated that Child A has never been spanked at the facility and they have never seen any other children being spanked at the facility including by the director, Athena Osoko.

CI Spaulding also reviewed the facility's current Notice of Parental Responsibility. While the facility did have a discipline policy in place on the Notice of Parental Responsibility, the policy does not reflect the director's ability to spank children as a form of discipline with individual parent permission.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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Covenant For Life Child Development Center shall provide a statement to the Office of Childhood that they will follow their current Notice of Parental Responsibility (NPR) regarding discipline or shall submit an updated NPR."

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

6/4/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

7/26/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA L