



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT

4/11/2023

DVN

002292657

FACILITY NAME

BRIGHTON LEARNING CENTER INC

FACILITY ADDRESS

7227 N EUCLID AVE

CITY

GLADSTONE

ZIP CODE

64118-2368

PHONE NUMBER

(816) 436-2290

COUNTY

CLAY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

MERTZ, CAYLIN

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.092(1)(B)2.H.

Blankets or other soft or loose bedding shall not be hung on the sides of cribs or put under the fitted sheet. Only sleep clothing that is designed to keep an infant warm without the possible hazard of covering the head or face may be used during sleep or nap time.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On April 11, 2023, the Office of Childhood received a report alleging that the facility had blankets and nursing pillows draped over a temporary wall in the infant/toddler room. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Caylin Mertz has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence and rule violation:

5 CSR 25-500.092(1)(B)2 H which states "Blankets or other soft or loose bedding shall not be hung on the sides of cribs or put under the fitted sheet. Only sleep clothing that is designed to keep an infant warm without the possible hazard of covering the head or face may be used during sleep or nap time."

On April 21, 2023, Compliance Inspector (CI) Caylin Mertz conducted an unannounced inspection at the facility. CI Mertz conducted a walkthrough of the facility with Caregiver Zena Brady. CI Mertz observed one pack and play to have fitted sheets hung on two sides and one pack and play to have a blanket draped over the side. CI Mertz interviewed infant teacher Samantha McIntire. She stated she has completed safe sleep training and does not recall being told blankets and pillow cannot be draped over the side of cribs. She stated hanging pillows and blankets on the side of the cribs is the facilities storage method.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall notify all staff members of the violations which were substantiated, and specify the actions to be taken by all staff in order to comply with all licensing violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

2/7/2024

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

8/8/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

FOX, ROMENA