



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
6/2/2022

DVN
002744418

FACILITY NAME

KIDDIE ACADEMY OF CHESTERFIELD

FACILITY ADDRESS

196 HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR

CITY

CHESTERFIELD

ZIP CODE

63017-0709

PHONE NUMBER

(636) 778-4888

COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.202(2)(D)

Until infants can hold a bottle comfortably, they shall be held by a caregiver during bottle feeding. Bottles shall not be propped.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Stephanie Spaulding investigated the allegation that a teacher propped an infant's bottle to feed instead of holding the infant and feeding him. The allegation is substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-500.202(2)(D) which states: "Until infants can hold a bottle comfortably, they shall be held by a caregiver during bottle feeding. Bottles shall not be propped."

On June 3, 2022, director Elayne Neal stated that Ms. Karrie was observed feeding four infant children and engaging with all of the children on June 1, 2022. Child A is 3-months-old and takes a long time to feed. Ms. Karrie put Child A on a boppy pillow and placed a small boppy on Child A's chest propping Child A's bottle.

On June 3, 2022, assistant director Emily Page stated that she was told about the incident of Child A's bottle being propped when she returned to the facility on June 2, 2022. She has watched the video footage from June 1, 2022, confirming that Child A's bottle was propped by Ms. Karrie. Ms. Karrie told her that propping Child A's bottle wasn't intentional, but she was feeding all four children at the same time.

On June 3, 2022, caregiver Karrie Left Hand stated that she was feeding several children at the same time and had been rotating holding the children to feed them on June 1, 2022. She did place Child A on a boppy pillow and propped Child A's bottle with a smaller boppy pillow.

On June 9, 2022, Parent A (parent of Child A) stated that she watched the cameras on June 1, 2022, when Child A was put on a boppy pillow and his bottle was propped using a smaller boppy pillow. She asked Ms. Karrie why Child A's bottle was propped and Ms. Karrie told her "because it takes a long time for Child A to finish the bottle and she didn't feel like holding it". Child A was in a corner, by himself, on the boppy pillow while Ms. Karrie was holding another baby.

On June 3, 2022, CI Spaulding observed video footage of June 1, 2022, with Ms. Karrie caring for four children. Child A was laying on a boppy pillow and then Ms. Karrie propped Child A's bottle.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review all licensing rules and regulations as they pertain to propping infant bottles. The facility must provide the Office of Childhood with a statement, signed by all staff (paid employees and unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

6/23/2022

DISPOSITION SUBSTANTIATED		DISPOSITION DATE 11/2/2022
APPROVING SUPERVISOR CHRISCO, MARLA L		