



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
7/13/2023

DVN
001878473

FACILITY NAME

CREATIVE WORLD SCHOOL, INC.

FACILITY ADDRESS

1500 NE 96TH ST

CITY

LIBERTY

ZIP CODE

64068

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

CLAY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

MERTZ, CAYLIN

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1.

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

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

Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On July 13, 2023, the Office of Childhood received a report alleging a teacher left 10 preschool children unattended in a classroom for five to 10 minutes. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Caylin Mertz has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence and rule violations:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1 which states "Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision."

AND

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3 which states "Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises."

On July 20, 2023, Compliance Inspector (CI) Caylin Mertz conducted an unannounced inspection at the facility. A walkthrough of the facility was conducted and no children were observed unsupervised. CI Mertz interviewed Caregiver Allison Wolfer, Parent A (Child A's Mother), Child A (4 years old), Caregiver Denise Hill, Child B (4 years old), Caregiver and Parent B, and Child C. Allison stated she was walking her executive team around the facility when she was notified by Denise that Caregiver Alyssa Wadman had left the building. Allison immediately went to Denise's classroom, where she observed all 10 of the children Alyssa was in charge of. Allison believes the children were only unsupervised for a few minutes. During Child A's interview, he stated Alyssa grabbed her purse and left because she was mad. He was unsure of how long they were alone. He went to the classroom next door and asked if their class could come in to her room. Caregiver Denise stated Child A did open her classroom door as they were coming in from the playground and ask if he and his class could come over. She is not sure how long the children were unsupervised. Child B stated his teacher left and when asked where she went, Child B pointed to the facility front door. Child C also stated that Alyssa left the facility while he was playing in the kitchen center and they were without a teacher until Child A went into the classroom next door. Caregiver and Parent B stated she believes the children were only unsupervised for five to seven minutes. The facility does have cameras; however, they do not record footage. Timecard information was observed indicating Alyssa left the building at 11:54 a.m. on July 12, 2023. It is unclear how long the children were alone but based on interviews, it appears the class was alone for between five and 10 minutes. CI Mertz attempted to interview Former Caregiver Alyssa Wadman but did not receive return calls.

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

12/6/2023

DISPOSITION SUBSTANTIATED		DISPOSITION DATE 11/30/2023
APPROVING SUPERVISOR FOX, ROMENA		