



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
7/17/2017

DVN
002264580

FACILITY NAME

UNIVERSITY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

FACILITY ADDRESS

2089 BESSIE

CITY

CAPE GIRARDEAU

ZIP CODE

63701

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ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.182 (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.

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(C)(7)

Physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, slapping, shaking, biting or pulling hair shall be prohibited.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(A)

Day care personnel shall be of good character and intent and shall be qualified to provide care conducive to the welfare of children.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On July 13, 2017, Anna Estopare (caregiver) was in the classroom with Alicia Pavelka (caregiver) when she saw Alicia grab Child A (2 years) by the ear and pull him to his seat at the table for not listening. Anna reported the incident to a coworker April Kovacs, who was also in the classroom when it occurred. April did not see Alicia pull Child A by the ear. Anna Estopare did not initially report the incident to anyone except for her coworker, April Kovacs.

On July 17, 2017, April Kovacs reported she was in the hallway with Alicia Pavelka and the class. The children were suppose to be sitting on a bench, but Child B (2 years) was not listening. Alicia walked towards Child B, yanked on Child B's ear telling him to listen, and then grabbed him by the hand and sat him down hard on the bench. April told Anna about Alicia yanking on Child B's ear and then sitting him down hard, and they decided to report the incident to Becky Moore, Site Director.

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The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies on reporting incidents pertaining to inappropriate discipline. The facility must provide SCCR with a statement, signed by all staff (paid employees and volunteers), to indicate they understand the policy and agree to follow the rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

9/28/2017

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding age appropriate discipline and guidance. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a statement, signed by all staff (paid employees or unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

9/28/2017

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

8/28/2017

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

SMITH, MELISSA JILL