



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

**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

DATE OF REPORT

4/12/2023

DVN

002950105

FACILITY NAME

TYKE TOWN

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

ST PETERS

ZIP CODE

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(A)

Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2) years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group;

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On April 12, 2023, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that on April 12, 2023 at 8:00 AM, there were ten children ages 6-weeks-old to 24-months-old with one teacher and that this had been an on-going issue for two weeks. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Patrick O'Malley has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(A), which states the following: "Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2) years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group;"

On April 14, 2023, CI O'Malley conducted an unannounced inspection at Tyke Town and observed the following staff/child ratios: teacher Breanna Puszczek was present with eight children ages 8-months-old to 19-months-old by herself. CI O'Malley conducted an interview with director Kelly Mareschal, who stated that the facility was consistently out of ratio in the mornings. Ms. Mareschal stated that she knew the facility was out of ratio on April 12 and April 14, 2023.

On April 21, 2023, CI O'Malley conducted an unannounced re-inspection of the facility and observed the following staff/child ratios: teachers Breanna Puszczek and Abbi Hagen were present with ten children ages 5-months-old to 17-months-old. The facility was again not maintaining correct staff/child ratios.

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(C)

Ages Three Through Four (3-4) Years. Groups composed solely of three (3) - and four (4) -year olds shall have no less than one (1) adult to ten (10) children;

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On April 12, 2023, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that on April 12, 2023 at 8:00 AM, there were between twenty-five and thirty children between the ages of 3-years-old to 5-years-old with one staff member. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Patrick O'Malley has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(C), which states the following: "Ages Three Through Four (3-4) Years. Groups composed solely of three (3) - and four (4) -year olds shall have no less than one (1) adult to ten (10) children;"

On April 14, 2023, CI O'Malley conducted an unannounced inspection at Tyke Town and observed the following staff/child ratios: director Kelly Mareschal and teacher Abby Heywood were present with twenty-three children ages 3-years-old to 5-years-old. CI O'Malley conducted an interview with Ms. Mareschal, who stated that the facility was consistently out of ratio in the mornings. Ms. Mareschal stated that she knew the facility was out of ratio on April 12 and April 14, 2023.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES**CORRECTIVE MEASURE**

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 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

5/11/2023

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

Signs shall be posted at all entrances of the rooms displaying the required staff/child ratios. A statement indicating that this has been completed shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

5/16/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

5/10/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA L