



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

DATE OF REPORT
2/7/2020

DVN
001847621

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FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.202 (1)(A)

The provider shall supply and serve nourishing food according to the Meal and Snack Food Chart provided in this rule.

19 CSR 30-62.202 (1)(G)

The acceptable food components and serving sizes for meals and snacks are outlined in the following chart for each age group.

Menus and amounts served shall be based on this chart.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The Section for Child Care Regulation has determined this allegation of a rule violation to be substantiated based upon Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff's observations and interviews.

On February 13, 2020, Director Regan Wengert told Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff that the facility serves the children breakfast in the morning. Caregivers Taylor Schilly, Melissa Halim, Kelly Williams, Rebekah Gonz and Grace Thomure then stated the children were served cereal and milk for breakfast. The third required component was missing. In addition, Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff observed the sample menu submitted for initial licensing on June 17, 2011. This menu contains three components as required for a breakfast.

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(L)

The provider shall request the results of a criminal background check for child care staff members as required by 19 CSR 30-63.020 General Requirements.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(M)

Child care staff members shall have qualifying background screening results on file as required by 19 CSR 30-63.020 General Requirements.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(O)

A prospective child care staff member may begin work for a child care provider after the criminal background check has been requested from the department; however, pending completion of the criminal background check, the prospective child care staff member shall be supervised at all times by another child care staff member who received a qualifying result on the criminal background check within the past five (5) years.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The Section for Child Care Regulation has determined this allegation of a rule violation to be substantiated based upon Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff's observations and interviews.

On February 13, 2020, Cook Mary Meyer told Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff that she has been employed at the facility for two years. After reviewing Mary Meyer's employee file, Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff observed that Mary Meyer did not have a fingerprint receipt/eligibility letter on file. In addition, Director Regan Wengert stated Mary Meyer has not completed the fingerprint registration.

Continuing, Caregivers Melissa Halim and Kelly Williams told Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff that they had not yet completed the fingerprint registration. Next, Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff did not observe fingerprint

documentation/eligibility letters/family care safety registration/family care safety results in Melissa Halim's or Kelly Williams's employee files. Regan Wengert continued by telling Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff that Melissa Halim and Kelly Williams had not yet completed the fingerprint registration.

Regan Wengert then stated that Caregiver Lisa Flieg was a backup teacher. Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff observed there was no fingerprint registration/eligibility letter/family care safety registration/family care safety results on file for Lisa Flieg. Finally, Regan Wengert confirmed Lisa Flieg had not yet completed the fingerprint registration.

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.082 (2)(B)(2)(B)(I)

For facilities initially licensed for infant/toddler care after the effective date of these rules or facilities adding new infant/toddler space, at least forty-five (45) square feet of usable floor space shall be provided in the facility for each infant and toddler. Space occupied by napping equipment does not have to be deducted from usable floor space.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (2)(B)(2)(B)(IV)

No more than eight (8) infant/toddlers or sixteen (16) two (2)-year olds shall be in a group.

19 CSR 30-62.112 (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

The Section for Child Care Regulation has determined these allegations of rule violations to be substantiated based upon interviews conducted by Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff.

On February 13, 2020, Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff heard Caregivers Teresa Wipfler, Taylor Schilly, Melissa Halim, Kelly Williams, and Deanna Gegg state there are times when there are ten children cared for within one group in the toddler unit. Director Regan Wengert continued by stating there are times when there are twelve toddlers within one group in the toddler unit.

On February 24, 2020, Caregiver Kalah Wilson stated there have been eleven toddlers in one grouping with three staff present.

Next, on February 24, 2020, Caregiver Shelby Noll told Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff that sometimes there are extra staff present when there are more than eight infants in a grouping. She continued by saying sometimes extra staff are not provided when there are over eight infants in a grouping.

Then, Caregiver Tanisha Gegg stated she has cared for five infant/toddlers by herself. Caregiver Melissa Halim continued by stating there have been a few times when there were as many as 13 toddlers in a toddler grouping with only three staff present. Additionally, Caregiver Lauren Bell stated she has seen nine toddlers in one toddler grouping with only two adults present.

On February 24, 2020, Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff observed Caregivers Teresa Wipfler and Kelly Williams with nine infants in one grouping in the infant/toddler unit. In addition, Caregivers Shelby Noll and Rachel Reeder were present with nine infants in another grouping within the infant/toddler unit. Finally, Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff observed Caregivers Melissa Halim, Lauren Bell, and Kalah Wilson with eleven toddlers within one toddler grouping.

Lastly, the calculation sheet completed by Child Care Facility Specialist Ronda Tuschhoff for Grouping D within the toddler unit indicates this space only has enough room for eight toddlers.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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Signs must be placed at the entrance of each classroom indicating the age group of children to be cared for in the room and the correct staff to child ratio and group size for each age group of children. Pictures of these signs must be sent to the Section for Child Care Regulation no later than April 30, 2020.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

6/3/2020

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

All staff must read the licensing rule book for group homes and child care centers paying particular attention to staff to child ratios. Staff must sign and date a statement verifying they have read the center rule book. These signed statements must be submitted to the Section for Child Care Regulation no later than April 30, 2020.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

6/12/2020

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The director must submit family care safety results and eligibility letters to the Section for Child Care Regulation for all new staff.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/6/2020

CORRECTIVE MEASURE		COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility submitted a new menu on February 24, 2020, indicating that a mid morning snack will be served to children.		Yes	3/3/2020
CORRECTIVE MEASURE		COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility must hold an internal meeting to discuss staff to child ratios as well as the maximum group size per the ages of children in care. The facility must submit a brief summary of the meeting to the Section for Child Care Regulation. In addition, all staff must sign a statement verifying they attended this meeting. The signed statement must be submitted to the Section for Child Care Regulation no later than April 30, 2020.		Yes	6/9/2020
CORRECTIVE MEASURE		COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility must submit daily staff and child attendance records, listing each room the group of children and staff are assigned to, to the Section for Child Care Regulation weekly through May 31, 2020.		Yes	6/23/2020
DISPOSITION		DISPOSITION DATE	
SUBSTANTIATED		3/25/2020	
APPROVING SUPERVISOR			
TODARO, KAYLA			