



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
5/10/2022

DVN
001981280

FACILITY NAME

RADIANT FAITH ACADEMY

FACILITY ADDRESS

2153 MCKELVEY RD

CITY

MARYLAND HEIGHTS

ZIP CODE

63043-2309

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COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.132(5)(B)

The infant/toddler unit shall not care for children older than two (2) years unless the total number of children in attendance at the time is four (4) or fewer.

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

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(B)2.B.(III)

If a unit for infants and toddlers is auxiliary to a facility for older children, centers initially licensed for infant/toddler care after the effective date of these rules or facilities adding new infant/toddler space, shall have play, sleeping and bathroom space in the infant and toddler unit. This space shall be separated from the space used for older children by floor-to-ceiling walls;

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)

The following staff/child ratios shall be maintained on the premises at all times:

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

Compliance Inspector (CI) Stephanie Spaulding investigated the allegation that there was only one staff present from 6:00 am until approximately 8:30 am on May 10, 2022. The allegation is substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-500.112(1) which states: "The following staff/child ratios shall be maintained on the premises at all times:"

AND

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(A) which states: "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;"

AND

5 CSR 25-500.132(5)(B) which states: "The infant/toddler unit shall not care for children older than two (2) years unless the total number of children in attendance at the time is four (4) or fewer."

On May 17, 2022, CI Spaulding conducted a walkthrough of the facility to observe and document attendance and staff/child ratios. CI Spaulding observed two school-age children, both 10-years-old, unsupervised in a preschool classroom; approximately five minutes from the time of CI Spaulding's arrival at the facility. CI Spaulding also observed the door to the infant/toddler unit to be open during the inspection. Pastor Furnace stated he was keeping an eye on the two school-age children. For compliance, the two children joined Pastor Furnace in the infant/toddler unit, however shortly after this a 3-month-old child arrived. This then violated staff/child ratios and having more than four children in the infant/toddler unit that included children over 2 years age.

On May 17, 2022, caregiver LaToya Chatman stated that on May 10, 2022, she was alone with three infants/toddlers and four preschool children until Pastor Furnace arrived at the facility for the day.

5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(B)2.B.(III) - If a unit for infants and toddlers is auxiliary to a facility for older children, centers initially licensed for infant/toddler care after the effective date of these rules or facilities adding new infant/toddler space, shall have play,

sleeping and bathroom space in the infant and toddler unit. This space shall be separated from the space used for older children by floor-to-ceiling walls;

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

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Signs shall be posted at all entrances of the rooms displaying the required staff/child ratios.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

10/5/2023

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 licensing violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda(s) shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

10/5/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

6/10/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA L