



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF  
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT  
2/14/2022

DVN  
002778445

**FACILITY NAME**

LIL RASCAL'S CHILDCARE & LEARNING CENTER LLC

**FACILITY ADDRESS**

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**CITY**

MONETT

**ZIP CODE**

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**RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

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5 CSR 25-500.192(6)(B)

Caregivers shall teach children to wash their hands before eating and after toileting.

5 CSR 25-500.082(3)(A)6.

Children shall be monitored while in the bathroom.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

Compliance Inspector (CI) Jessica Glover and CI Laura Wilmesher conducted an investigation regarding the allegation that children are left unattended daily. After conducting the investigation, CI Glover and CI Wilmesher finds this allegation is substantiated. This conclusion is based on the following evidence of licensing rule violations which occurred at the facility:

5 CSR 25-500.082(3)(A)6. which states: "Children shall be monitored while in the bathroom."

AND

5 CSR 25-500.192(6)(B) which states: "Caregivers shall teach children to wash their hands before eating and after toileting."

On February 16, 2022, CI Glover and CI Wilmesher observed two preschool children leaving the classroom to utilize the facility's bathrooms. Caregiver Joanna Aswel was observed sitting in a chair inside the classroom against the half wall while both children left. Ms. Aswel did not stand up to monitor both children as they walked to and from the bathrooms, which made it impossible for Ms. Aswel to visibly see both children as they walked to and from the bathroom. The second child was observed leaving the bathroom without flushing the toilet or washing his hands. When CI Glover spoke with Ms. Aswel about monitoring children as they utilize the bathrooms, Ms. Aswel stated that she was sorry and that she did not know she had to.

**VIOLATION(S)**

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;

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(B)

Age Two (2) Years. Groups composed solely of two (2) -year olds shall have no less than one (1) adult to eight (8) children, with no more than sixteen (16) children in a group;

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

Compliance Inspector (CI) Jessica Glover and CI Laura Wilmesher conducted an investigation regarding the allegation that staff/child ratios are not met on a daily basis. After conducting the investigation, CI Glover and CI Wilmesher finds this allegation is substantiated. This conclusion is based on the following evidence of licensing rule violations which occurred at the facility:

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 25-500.112(1)(B) which states: "Age Two (2) Years. Groups composed solely of two (2) -year old's shall have no less than one (1) adult to eight (8) children, with no more than sixteen (16) children in a group;"

On February 16, 2022, CI Glover and CI Wilmesher interviewed Caregiver Jennifer Jones who admitted she has been left alone with more than eight 2-years-old if her co-teacher leaves the classroom to cook lunch for the facility. CI Glover and CI Wilmesher interviewed Caregiver Sara Iversen who admitted she has left the infant/toddler classroom to use the restroom, leaving the co-teacher with seven infants and toddlers to herself for short periods of time.

## CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding monitoring children in the bathroom. The facility must provide the Child Care Compliance Section with a statement, signed by all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

### COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

### COMPLETED DATE

9/25/2023

### 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 done shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

### COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

### COMPLETED DATE

9/25/2023

### DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

### DISPOSITION DATE

6/8/2022

### APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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