



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
9/14/2017

DVN
000341437

FACILITY NAME

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

INDEPENDENCE

ZIP CODE

64055

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COUNTY

JACKSON

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

FOX, ROMENA

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)(8)

No discipline technique which is humiliating, threatening or frightening to children shall be used. Children shall not be shamed, ridiculed or spoken to harshly, abusively or with profanity.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On September 15, 2017, September 19, 2017, and September 20, 2017, Child Care Facility Specialist Romena Fox conducted inspections at Independence School District. During the inspections, interviews were conducted with Director Amy Cox, Caregiver Chelsea Ramirez, Caregiver Jenny Adams, Caregiver Julie Peacock, and Building Secretary Dawn Attaway. An interview was attempted with Child A. Parent A was interviewed during a phone call on a later date. All of the caregivers reported that Caregiver Julie Peacock dragged Child A by the ankles in the lobby. Three caregivers reported that Child A's head was bumping on the ground when he was dragged. A recording of the incident showed Caregiver Julie Peacock drag Child A by the ankles for about five to seven feet. Director Amy Cox reported telling Parent A that Child A had to be restrained and to look for marks on his back and head. Parent A reported that Director Amy Cox told her that someone may have pulled on Child A's leg too hard the day after the incident occurred. Therefore, these allegations are substantiated.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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Julie Peacock will read Licensing Rules for Group Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers and will submit a signed statement that she has read the rules, specifically rule 19 CSR 30-62.182 (1) (C).

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

11/28/2017

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/13/2017

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

KENNEDY, AMY C