



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
10/17/2022

DVN
002681487

FACILITY NAME

MOMO'S SUNSHINE AND GRACE

FACILITY ADDRESS

23815 HIGHWAY 24

CITY

PARIS

ZIP CODE

65275-2276

PHONE NUMBER

(660) 327-5437

COUNTY

MONROE

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(B)

The premises shall conform to the fire and safety requirements of the State Fire Marshal or his/her designee and requirements for state or local zoning, building and sanitation.

5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(A)6.

Walls, ceilings and floors shall be finished with material which can be cleaned easily and shall be free of splinters, cracks and chipping paint. Floor covering shall be in good condition. Lead-free paint shall be used for all painted surfaces.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Stephanie Spaulding investigated an allegation that the reporter stated that at least for the past several years, on a monthly basis, Wendy Larsen, the director of the facility, has had to call a plumber out to snake the sewage lines anywhere from one (1) to three (3) times a month. The sewage would back up into the bathtub and toilets at the facility, and that the staff had been told to keep the water off and only flush the toilets if they absolutely had to flush them. The reporter stated that last Thursday, October 13th, 2022, one of the pipes burst and was leaking into the I/T room and under the snap flooring there. The reporter stated that allegedly the director, Wendy Larsen, told them to just wipe it up and clean the floor with bleach and not tell anyone. Based on interviews with the staff of Momo's Sunshine and Grace, the facility did have a flood on October 13, 2022. Therefore, the following rule violation is being cited.

5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(A)6. - Walls, ceilings and floors shall be finished with material which can be cleaned easily and shall be free of splinters, cracks and chipping paint. Floor covering shall be in good condition. Lead-free paint shall be used for all painted surfaces.

On October 21, 2022, director, M. L. and designated person in charge, M. F. provided consistent statements that there was a backup on October 13, 2022 and that a plumber had to come out. The director, M. L. stated that the plumber indicated the pipes to be old and that digging under the cornfield behind the facility was necessary. Both staff indicated that the back-up occurred in the storage closet adjacent to the toddler classroom and that water did come into the toddler classroom under the door. At no time did the toilets not work and the toddler children (all 2-years-old) were moved to the 2-year-old classroom on the other side of the building. The water was cleaned up immediately with bleach water and sanitized thoroughly on October 13, 2022.

On December 15, 2022, caregiver, J. A. stated that the plumber did have to come to the facility on October 13, 2022, but the plumber was already gone when she arrived at the facility on October 13, 2022. She also stated that the sewage/water had been cleaned up by the time she arrived on October 13, 2022 and she does not know if the water back-up in the adjacent storage room had gone into the toddler classroom. She stated that she does not know anything about the water being turned off and toilets used by the children not being able to be flushed.

In addition, the following rule violation is also being cited:

5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(B) - The premises shall conform to the fire and safety requirements of the State Fire Marshal or his/her designee and requirements for state or local zoning, building and sanitation.

On October 27, 2022, the Office of Childhood received a sanitation inspection completed on October 27, 2022. The sanitation

inspection is not approved. Therefore, the facility does not have currently have an approved sanitation inspection.

CI Spaulding could not interview the reporter because the reporter was anonymous.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall ensure that the storage room and infant/toddler area floors which are made of easily cleanable material and are in good condition. Photo documentation shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood .

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

10/21/2022

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall submit to the Office of Childhood an approved sanitation inspection.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

3/3/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

12/19/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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