



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

**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF  
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

**DATE OF REPORT**

6/17/2022

**DVN**

002481872

**FACILITY NAME**

LITTLE MIRACLES LEARNING CENTER

**FACILITY ADDRESS**

17 SYCAMORE RD

**CITY**

PERRYVILLE

**ZIP CODE**

63775-1210

**PHONE NUMBER**

(573) 846-5028

**COUNTY**

PERRY

**ASSIGNED SPECIALIST**

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**RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

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5 CSR 25-500.102(1)(A)

Child care personnel shall be of good character and intent and shall be qualified to provide care conducive to the welfare of children.

5 CSR 25-500.102(1)(R)

Any person present at the facility during the hours in which child care is provided shall not present a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the children.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

Abby Schmidt, teacher, and Marsha Parker, cook, got into a fight at the daycare center on June 17, 2022. Abby was holding Child A, age two when this occurred. Child A did not sustain any injuries. This allegation is being substantiated. The following rules were found to be violated:

5 CSR 25-500.102(1)(A) which states: "Child care personnel shall be of good character and intent and shall be qualified to provide care conducive to the welfare of children."

AND

5 CSR 25-500.102(1)(R) which states: "Any person present at the facility during the hours in which child care is provided shall not present a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the children."

On June 28, 2022, CI Graham reviewed the video footage from June 17, 2022. The footage was emailed to CI Graham from Christina Paisley, director. Caregiver Abby Schmidt is in the black shirt and caregiver Marsha Parker is in the grey shirt.

- Ms. Abby is seen walking out of the kitchen and turns around to address Ms. Marsha.
- Ms. Marsha exits the kitchen and the two seem to be arguing.
- Child A, age 2-years-old walks out of the kitchen over to Ms. Abby and she picks him up.
- Ms. Abby then hits Ms. Marsha with her hand on Ms. Marsha's face; still holding Child A.
- Ms. Marsha reaches for Ms. Abby and grabs her by the hair, yanking her head around.
- The two caregivers are fighting and hitting each other while Ms. Abby is still holding Child A.
- Other caregivers enter the hallway and Ms. Abby and Ms. Marsha stop fighting.

On June 17, 2022, caregivers Marsha Parker and Abby Schmidt got into a verbal and physical fight in front of the children at the facility. Ms. Abby was holding one of the children, Child A, age that attended the facility while physically fighting with Ms. Marsha. Child A was not injured.

On June 22, 2022, Ms. Abby stated that Ms. Marsha upset her when she came into the classroom to take Child B because she was crying. Ms. Abby got mad and said that she was quitting. She said that Ms. Marsha was telling her not to quit working there because of her and then they got upset at each other and she does not really remember what happened. They were eventually fighting in the hallway and she was holding Child B. Hailey Bantel, caregiver, came out and stopped the fight. Ms. Marsha said "are you fucking crazy, you have a kid in your hand" and Ms. Abby replied, "you don't think I know that".

On June 29, 2022, Ms. Marsha, caregiver, stated that she went into the classroom to get Child B because she was crying. Ms. Abby got mad at her and said that she was quitting working. Ms. Marsha took Child B back into the classroom and as she did

Ms. Abby walked out the kitchen to leave. Ms. Marsha said she chest bumped into Ms. Abby and then told her to leave. Ms. Abby picked up Child A and then hit Ms. Marsha. Ms. Marsha then hit Ms. Abby twice.

Ms. Christina Paisley, director, said that she has not had any issues out of these two caregivers in the past. She said that Ms. Abby and Ms. Marsha are aunt and niece. She said that Ms. Abby ended up quitting the daycare and she suspended Ms. Marsha for a few days.

**CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

<b>CORRECTIVE MEASURE</b>	<b>COMPLETED (Y/N)</b>	<b>COMPLETED DATE</b>
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."	Yes	3/15/2023

<b>DISPOSITION</b>	<b>DISPOSITION DATE</b>
SUBSTANTIATED	10/19/2022

**APPROVING SUPERVISOR**  
CHRISCO, MARLA L