



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

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

DATE OF REPORT
9/25/2020

DVN
002652197

FACILITY NAME

EARLY EXPLORERS PRESCHOOL, LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

211 OSCAR DR

CITY

JEFFERSON CITY

ZIP CODE

65101-5197

PHONE NUMBER

(573) 644-9989

COUNTY

COLE

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

KOETTING, SHELBY N

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.042 (2)(P)

The license shall not be transferable and shall apply only to the person(s) and address shown on the license.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

SCCR has determined that this complaint is substantiated based on interviews with Darcy Sanders, Nicole Bryan, and Lydia Pointer, staff members, Brittany Miller, facility director, and Jennifer Moss, facility owner, as well as observations made by CCFS Koetting.

Lydia Pointer, Darcy Sanders, Nicole Bryan, and Jennifer Moss all stated that that the facility at 1753 Southwest Boulevard closed on Monday, September 21, 2020 and had no children in attendance until Monday, September 28, 2020 at the 211 Oscar Drive location.

Brittany Miller stated that they told staff that they would begin accepting children for care again because they had received the compliance verification email from CCFS Koetting and assumed that they had passed. She knew they did not have their license at that point yet, but chose to open anyway.

Lydia Pointer and Nicole Bryan stated that Jennifer Moss and Brittany Miller told them that they would be opening for the children to come back on Monday, September 28, 2020. They told them that everything was done and they passed the state inspection, so they were good to start operating at the 211 Oscar Drive location.

Jennifer Moss stated that she was worried she would lose children if she remained closed until approved by SCCR, which is why she opened back up. She realizes now that she should have just dealt with that and waited to start operating. They told staff that they would begin accepting children for care again, even though they did not have their license yet.

On September 29, 2020, CCFS Koetting observed 46 children in attendance on the facility premises, as well as 10 staff members working. This allegation will be substantiated that Early Explorers Preschool, LLC was caring for children at 211 Oscar Drive, Jefferson City, MO without an approved license from the Section for Child Care Regulation on September 29, 2020.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility must obtain a license specific to 211 Oscar Drive before beginning to operate a child care facility with more than six total children or more than 3 children under the age of two.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

10/8/2020

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/23/2020

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

TODARO, KAYLA