



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
10/26/2022

DVN
002406873

FACILITY NAME

GROWING WITH GRACE PRESCHOOL AND DAYCARE

FACILITY ADDRESS

3130 S WALL AVE

CITY

JOPLIN

ZIP CODE

64804

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

JASPER

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

GREER, JOHN

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-300.060 (1)(B)2.

Only constructive, age-appropriate methods of discipline that help children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their own actions shall be used.

5 CSR 25-300.060 (1)(B)3.

Physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, slapping, shaking, biting or pulling hair is prohibited.

5 CSR 25-300.060 (1)(B)4.

Any discipline technique that is humiliating, threatening or frightening to children is prohibited. Children shall not be shamed, ridiculed or spoken to harshly, abusively or with profanity.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On October 26, 2022, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that Caregiver S.R. was holding Child A (15-months-old) by the hair, tapping Child A on the hand as a form of discipline and shoved/pushed Child A to the ground. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) JD Greer has found the allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-300.060 (1)(B)2. which states, "Only constructive, age-appropriate methods of discipline that help children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their own actions shall be used. "

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On November 2, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Director S.O. who stated she observed video footage from October 20, 2022, that shows S.R. grab Child A (15-months-old) by the ponytail and stated in a harsh tone, "You can't go up there." S.O. reviewed video footage from October 21, 2022, and stated she observed S.R. tapped Child A on the hand as a form of discipline. S.O. also observed on the same video, S.R. grab Child A by the neck and push Child A. Child A fell to the ground.

On November 2, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Caregiver S.W. who stated S.R. has a short temper. On October 21, 2022, she told S.O. that she had concerns about S.R. in the classroom. S.W. does not feel the children are safe in S.R.'s presence. S.W. stated S.R. would mimic and tease Child A for crying. She cannot recall when this occurred, but it happened more than once.

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The facility is here by placed on 20-day notice that a corrective action plan must

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

1/4/2023

be developed to ensure compliance with the above statute/rule violations. A copy of the corrective action plan must be received by the Office of Childhood within 20 days of this letter.

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall provide a statement to the Office of Childhood that they will follow their Notice of Parental Responsibility (NPR) or shall submit an updated NPR.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

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DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

12/23/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

NURNBERG, TONY A