



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
3/23/2021

DVN
002002933

FACILITY NAME

STRAWBERRY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS OF BRIDGETON

FACILITY ADDRESS

12300 NATURAL BRIDGE RD

CITY

BRIDGETON

ZIP CODE

63044-2019

PHONE NUMBER

(314) 770-1300

COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.222 (1)

The child care provider shall maintain accurate records to meet administrative requirements and to ensure knowledge of the individual needs of children and their families.

19 CSR 30-62.222 (11)

All records shall be available in the facility for inspection by the department upon request.

19 CSR 30-62.222 (2)

An individual file shall be kept to identify each child and enable the provider to communicate with the parent(s), guardian or legal custodian of the child in an emergency. Records shall include:

19 CSR 30-62.222 (2)(A)

The child's full name, address, birthdate and the date care begins and ends.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On March 23, 2021 the Section for Child Care Regulation received an allegation that Strawberry International Schools is collecting funds from the state and claiming children that are not going to the schools for Family A . Other multiple children go by another last name that is related to Family A that live in the same household that are being claimed as well . Based on interviews with the staff of Strawberry International Schools of Bridgeton and email communication with Department of Social Services, Melissa Wolfe; this allegation is substantiated and the following rule violations are being cited.

19 CSR 30-62.222 (1): An individual file shall be kept to identify each child and enable the provider to communicate with the parent(s), guardian or legal custodian of the child in an emergency. Records shall include:

AND

19 CSR 30-62.222 (2)(A): The child's full name, address, birthdate and the date care begins and ends.

AND

19 CSR 30-62.222 (11): All records shall be available in the facility for inspection by the department upon request.

On March 15, 2021 Parent A stated that Child A hasn't attended the facility in over a year. She stated that director, Ashley Hollis told her that she has been billing for Child A.

On March 16, 2021 caregivers, Jodi Enloe and Rheudeana Ferguson; and LLC managing member, Darlene Pate provided consistent statements that Child A hasn't attended in a long time. Jodi Enloe and Darlene Pate stated that Child A hasn't attended the facility in over a year and that former director, Ashley Hollis is the person that does the billing for the facility.

On May 13, 2021 Child Care Facility Specialist, Stephanie Spaulding received email communication from Melissa Wolfe with the Department of Social Services. Melissa stated that Child A was last claimed on March 12, 2021, he has only been claimed at Strawberry International Schools of Bridgeton and that he's been claimed every month with the exception of a couple of days, since 2018.

On March 24, 2021 Child Care Facility Specialist, Stephanie Spaulding observed the enrollment form for Child A. The enrollment form does not have a discharge date for Child A.

CCFS Spaulding requested attendance records from the facility and as of May 14, 2021 has not received any documentation of attendance from Strawberry International Schools of Bridgeton.

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.212 (3)(A)

All children shall be seated in a permanent seat and restrained by seat belts or child restraint devices as required by Missouri law.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On March 23, 2021 the Section for Child Care Regulation received an allegation that there are children riding in vans from location to school or to the other center not seat belted. While staff state that children are seat belted on the van during transportation; multiple children stated that they do not wear seat belts on the van during transportation. Therefore, this allegation is substantiated and the following rule violation is being cited.

19 CSR 30-62.212 (3)(A): All children shall be seated in a permanent seat and restrained by seat belts or child restraint devices as required by Missouri law.

On March 24, 2021 Child B, Child C, and Child D provided consistent statements that they are transported on the van. They stated that they don't wear seat belts and that they are not made to wear seat belts. Child D stated that there are too many children on the van at one time and that there isn't a seat belt for every child on the van.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall review all children's files to ensure all department required forms are on file and accurately completed. A written statement to indicate that this task was completed shall be provided to the Section for Child Care Regulation.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

6/29/2021

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall create a plan that ensures attendance records are kept for all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers) and children, each day children are present. A copy of the plan shall be provided to the Section for Child Care Regulation.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

6/29/2021

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall have all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers) obtain one (1) clock hour of approved training on transportation, outside the Strawberry International Schools of Bridgeton network. Training may be obtained from the Missouri Workshop Calendar. The training calendar can be found at <http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/>. The local Child Care Aware agency may also assist in finding training. The Child Care Aware website can be found at <http://www.childcareaware.org/>. Verification of training completion shall be from the Open Initiative Toolbox report.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/13/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

5/21/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CLARK, ANGELA