



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

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

DATE OF REPORT
12/27/2021

DVN
002128852

FACILITY NAME

LOONEY TOONS DAYCARE CENTER, LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

8067 STATE ROAD C

CITY

FULTON

ZIP CODE

65251-7011

PHONE NUMBER

(573) 642-0806

COUNTY

CALLAWAY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

PARSLEY, JIM

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)3.

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

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)7.

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

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The Office of Childhood has determined that Looney Toons Daycare, L.L.C. was in violation of regulations regarding physical discipline. This determination is being based upon statements made by Parent A (Child A's mother), Parent B (Child A's father), former staff Devin Ray Overkamp-Hunt and former staff Hannah Mealey. This decision is also based on Compliance Inspector (CI) Jim Parsley's observation of text messages from Parent A. Specifically:

Parent A (Child A's mother) stated the following:

- On December 21, 2021, Child A told her that McKensay Vandelicht hit her on the face and rear end, but that she has never seen any bruises, scratches, or suspicious marks on the child.
- Two former employees at the facility, Devin Ray Overkamp-Hunt and Hannah Mealey, told her that children had been "popped" by caregivers at the facility.

Parent B (Child A's father) stated the following:

- Before Christmas of 2021, Parent A told him that Child A told her that McKensay Vandelicht hit her.
- In early January 2022, Child A told him that her grandfather told her that McKensay Vandelicht had hit her.
- He asked Child A if McKensay Vandelicht had ever hit her and Child A said no.

Devin Ray Overkamp-Hunt stated the following:

- When children were running around or not listening, McKensay Vandelicht and Amy Click would give them "little pops" on their rear ends.
- The children would cry out when they were popped but were not hurt.
- She has never seen any children popped anywhere except on their rear ends.
- By "popping" children, she meant that McKensay Vandelicht and Amy Click would "smack" the children with their open hands hard enough to move them forward, but not hard enough to lift them off of their feet or knock them down.
- She has never seen children at the facility popped or smacked with a paddle, switch, or other object.

Hannah Mealey stated the following:

- She has seen McKensay Vanelicht and Amy Click pop children on their rear ends when they were not listening and running around during nap time.
- The children were popped hard enough to get their attention but that they were not hurt and did not cry out.
- She never saw any of the children popped anywhere else except on their rear ends.
- Teachers used their open hands to "smack" children on their rear ends but did not use paddles, switches, or other objects.
- The smack was not hard enough to move the child forward, lift the child's feet off of the ground, knock the child down, or hurt the child.

On January 3, 2022, Parent A emailed CI Jim Parsley text messages that Devin Ray Overkamp-Hunt and Hannah Mealey had sent her regarding this issue. The text message from Devin Ray Overkamp-Hunt stated that, although McKensay Vandelight and another teacher at the facility would give children "pops" on the rear end, she has never seen Child A getting hit. The text message from Hannah Mealey stated that she has seen McKensay Vandelight "pop" children on the rear end, but not on the mouth.

PROVIDER COMMENTS

The allegations made were falsely reported. We love and respect each child as if they were our own and will continue to do so. We are hurt that there are others out there who would mislead, accuse, and slander this facility. We have always done and will continue to do the required actions: above state requirements to insure the safety and health of the children here. We are a family at this facility and appreciate the love and respect we provide and receive from the families we provide care for.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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All staff and volunteers counted in staff child ratio shall complete 1 hour of approved training on discipline. This training may be found on the MOWorkshopCalendar.org or on OOC website. The training must be listed on OPEN to complete this corrective measure.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

9/16/2022

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

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.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

4/28/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

3/18/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

BRUCE, CHRISTINA