



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
9/28/2022

DVN
000269187

FACILITY NAME

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1.

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

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

Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On September 28, 2022, the Office of Childhood received an allegation that Child A (4-years-old) was left unattended on the playground for 3 minutes and 32 seconds. The caregiver was unaware the child had been left outside alone. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) JD Greer has determined the allegation is substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1. which states, "Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision."

AND

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3. which states, "Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises."

On September 29, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Director Becky Stieferman who stated she reported the incident to the Office of Childhood. On September 26, 2022, at approximately 4:40 p.m., Child A (4-years-old) was left alone outside for approximately 3 minutes and 32 seconds according to video footage. Caregivers who were with the class at the time were Amanda Fuller and Emoni Gibson.

On September 29, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Caregiver Natalie McLaws who stated Caregiver Emoni Gibson came and told her that Child A had been alone outside. Ms. Gibson had done a head count when all of the children were back in the classroom and noticed one child was missing. Ms. Fuller had not completed the face to name sheet as the second half of the class was coming back in the classroom.

On September 29, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Emoni Gibson who stated on September 26, 2022, at approximately 4:40 p.m. she was on the playground with Caregiver Amanda Fuller and Child A, and the rest of her class. Ms. Gibson had brought half of the students inside to prepare for the end of the day and handed the face to name sheet to Ms. Fuller. Ms. Fuller had ushered the remainder of the students into the classroom and stepped away. Ms. Gibson started counting children and noticed that Child A was missing. Ms. Gibson found Child A on the playground next to the fence talking to their sibling. Ms. Gibson believes Child A was outside less than five minutes. Ms. Fuller was concerned and kept saying she knows Child A came back into the building. Ms. Fuller was accusing Child A of sneaking back outside. Ms. Gibson believes that Ms. Fuller did not complete a proper face to name as the children re-entered the building.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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All staff and volunteers must obtain one (2) clock hours on supervision. The

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

3/9/2023

training must be held by an approved and qualified source, outside of the La Petite Academy, Inc. network. Training may be obtained from the Missouri Workshop Calendar. The training calendar can be found at <http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/>. Verification of training completion shall be from the Open Initiative Toolbox report.

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

2/9/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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