



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
11/5/2021

DVN
002892820

FACILITY NAME

CHILD PRODIGY CHILDREN'S CENTER SOUTH

FACILITY ADDRESS

1251 SE CENTURY DR

CITY

LEES SUMMIT

ZIP CODE

64081-3285

PHONE NUMBER

(816) 246-7130

COUNTY

JACKSON

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

BARTON, JANA

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(B)2.B.(III)

If a unit for infants and toddlers is auxiliary to a facility for older children, centers initially licensed for infant/toddler care after the effective date of these rules or facilities adding new infant/toddler space, shall have play, sleeping and bathroom space in the infant and toddler unit. This space shall be separated from the space used for older children by floor-to-ceiling walls;

5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(B)2.B.(IV)

No more than eight (8) infant/toddlers or sixteen (16) two (2) -year olds shall be in a group;

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Jana Barton conducted an unannounced investigation of the allegation that the facility is out of ratio from 6:00-7:00 am every day, ranging in age from infant and up. While a violation of staff/child ratio was not found, the following rules were found to be violated based on the following evidence:

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On November 12, 2021, CI Barton conducted an unannounced inspection at the facility and observed caregivers Deb Wright and Ruth Conniff present with eleven children, ages 4 months, two 2s, two 3s, two 4s, and four school-agers. The caregivers and children were all combined in one room, the main room upon entrance. Within ten minutes of initiating the inspection, Mona Shekarabi, the infant caregiver arrived and took the infant to the I/T room leaving two staff with ten children ages two through school-age. Deb Wright stated that the infant had been present about twenty minutes at the time of CI Barton's arrival. Director Shannon Pennington stated during a phone interview that they had recently enrolled a couple of new infants who were not supposed to arrive prior to 7:00 am and that she was working on the staff scheduling to address this issue.

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The provider shall create a plan that ensures children under the age of 24 months are not cared for outside of the I/T unit or in a group greater than eight children. The plan shall be reviewed with all staff members (paid employees and paid or unpaid volunteers) and all staff members shall sign a statement that they will adhere to the plan. A copy of the plan and the signed statements shall be provided to Child Care Compliance.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/15/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

7/5/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

NURNBERG, TONY A