



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
3/25/2022

DVN
002776036

FACILITY NAME

SARCOXIE LEARNING ACADEMY

FACILITY ADDRESS

1112 HIGH ST

CITY

SARCOXIE

ZIP CODE

64862

PHONE NUMBER

(417) 850-1198

COUNTY

JASPER

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

BLOOM, MARIAH B

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(A)9.

The facility shall be clean at all times and free of dirt, insects, spiders, rodents or other pests.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspectors (CI) Mariah Bloom and Billie Russel conducted an unannounced inspection regarding the allegations of a cock roach infestation at the Sarcoxie Learning Academy at the address of 1112 High Street, Sarcoxie, Missouri 64862,

During the inspection CI Bloom and Russell observed alive and dead cockroaches behind the infant/toddler refrigerator. CI Bloom observed cockroach debris such as feces and dead cockroaches in between the cabinet and refrigerator. CI Bloom pulled out the refrigerator from the wall and observed more alive and dead cock roaches behind the refrigerator.

CI Bloom discussed this with the Director Kathy Bittick. Kathy stated that they have had a cock roach problem in the past but they do get the facility sprayed regularly. Kathy stated she thinks the infestation happened from a child bringing them in their backpack from home. They now hang all backpacks outside, to prevent more from coming in. The exterminators are coming this weekend to spray more. She will provide CI Bloom with a receipt once the extermination is complete.

CI Bloom discussed the issue with two staff members, Katie Lee and Linda Lee. They too stated they were aware there are cock roaches and that the owner is trying to take care of it. They have no concerns for the facility.

CI Bloom spoke to Parent B, who also works at the facility. She is aware there are cockroaches in the facility, she knows the owner is taking steps to get rid of them infestation. Parent B believes her children are safe and well cared for and there is no concern for her children in the facility. .

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The Director will provide OOC three months of extermination receipt and will become infestation free.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

1/27/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

6/10/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

NURNBERG, TONY A