



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE
COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
9/19/2018

DVN
002004806

FACILITY NAME

AMERIKIDS CHRISTIAN CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

O FALLON

ZIP CODE

63366-1215

PHONE NUMBER

(636) 379-9543

COUNTY

ST CHARLES

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SWINFORD, TAYLOR L

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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RSMo 210.254.2(5)

The notice of parental responsibility shall include the following: The disciplinary philosophy and policies of the child-care facility.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Through interviews with facility staff and Child A it was determined that the allegation that Child A was pulled from his classroom (due to picking at the carpet) and made to sit/stand on a taped tile square for two hours is substantiated. It was determined that the time that Child A was made to sit /stand on a taped square was between 9:00am and 9:30am to 11:00am and 11:15am; approximately two hours, on September 14, 2018. A review of the current Notice of Parental Responsibility and discipline policy does not indicate that children will be removed from the classroom for extended periods of time for discipline.

PROVIDER COMMENTS

We don't agree that any violation occurred on our part since our policy does not give a timeframe pertaining to correcting behavioral issues. Our primary goal is to keep our children safe and provide a positive learning environment.

Molly Kunza was dismissed only because she gave the parent inaccurate and incomplete information regarding this incident, and said she would do the same again -- not following company policy.

In severe behavioral cases, children could be removed for extended periods of time for the benefit of the remaining students' learning experience.

As our NPR states, "Every effort will be made to resolve such issues"; and that is precisely what we feel we did in this situation.

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Amerikids Christian Center shall provide a written statement to the Section for Child Care Regulation that they will follow their Notice of Parental Responsibility (NPR) or shall submit a new NPR with an updated discipline policy.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

12/3/2018

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/17/2018

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CLARK, ANGELA