



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
12/19/2022

DVN
002044791

FACILITY NAME

KIDDING AROUND, L.L.C.

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CITY

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(A)

Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2) years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group;

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(C)

Ages Three Through Four (3-4) Years. Groups composed solely of three (3) - and four (4) -year olds shall have no less than one (1) adult to ten (10) children;

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(E)

Mixed Age Groups Two Years (2) and Up. Groups composed of mixed ages of children two (2) years of age and older shall have no less than one (1) adult to ten (10) children with a maximum of four (4) two (2) -year olds. When there are more than four (4) two (2) -year olds in a mixed group, the staff/child ratio shall be no less than one (1) adult to eight (8) children.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On December 19, 2022 the Office of Childhood received an allegation that the facility is out of ratio in the infant, toddler and two year old classroom. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Michelle Trussell has found the allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(A) which states the following: "Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2) years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group;"

AND

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AND

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(E) which states the following: "Mixed Age Groups Two Years (2) and Up. Groups composed of mixed ages of children two (2) years of age and older shall have no less than one (1) adult to ten (10) children with a maximum of four (4) two (2) -year olds. When there are more than four (4) two (2) -year olds in a mixed group, the staff/child ratio shall be no less than one (1) adult to eight (8) children."

On February 1, 2023 CI Glover conducted an unannounced inspection to the facility and observed staff/child ratios to be out of compliance in an infant/toddler classroom, a two year old classroom and a preschool classroom. CI Glover observed the infant classroom to have one staff member with five children under the age of 24 months. CI Glover observed 1 staff member with eight 2-year old children and one 3-year old child. CI Glover observed 1 staff member with fourteen 3-year to 4-year old children.

Furthermore, Ms. McCoy stated she had nine children in the infant room by herself on January 30, 2023. Ms. Warrick and Ms. McCoy stated the infant rooms are consistently out of ratio in the mornings. Ms. Wint stated her classroom had been over staff/child ratios on two separate occasions the week of January 30, 2023.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES**CORRECTIVE MEASURE**

Signs shall be posted at all entrances of the rooms displaying the required staff/child ratios. A statement indicating that this has been completed shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

2/16/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

2/8/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

NURNBERG, TONY A