



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT

6/6/2023

DVN

001227578

FACILITY NAME

CIRCLE OF LIGHT GREATER ACHIEVER'S LEARNING CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

8757 ANNETTA

CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63147

PHONE NUMBER

(314) 382-0739

COUNTY

ST LOUIS CITY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

OMALLEY, PATRICK

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-600.020 (1)

Prior to the employment or presence of a child care staff member in a licensed , regulated, or registered child care facility not exempted by section 210.1080.13, RSMo, the child care provider shall request the results of a criminal background check for such child care staff member from the department.

5 CSR 25-600.020 (5)

Criminal background checks shall be completed for each child care staff member every five (5) years.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On June 6, 2023, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that staff, volunteers, and different males going in and out of Circle of Light Greater Achiever's Learning Center might pose a safety risk to children and might not have background screenings. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Patrick O'Malley has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-600.020 (1) which states: "Prior to the employment or presence of a child care staff member in a licensed , regulated, or registered child care facility not exempted by section 210.1080.13, RSMo, the child care provider shall request the results of a criminal background check for such child care staff member from the department ."

AND

5 CSR 25-600.020 (5) which states: "Criminal background checks shall be completed for each child care staff member every five (5) years."

On June 8, 2023, director Renada Redmond stated that the facility had no eligibility letters for herself or any of her staff and volunteers. None of the employees or volunteers had received criminal background checks or eligibility letters and the facility does receive subsidy funds.

On June 8, 2023, teacher Claudia Johnson stated that the facility had no eligibility letters for herself or any of her staff and volunteers. None of the employees or volunteers had received criminal background checks or eligibility letters and the facility does receive subsidy funds.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall ensure that all employees have a comprehensive background screening completed prior to a person's employment and/or presence within the child care facility. The comprehensive background screening must include verification of fingerprinting of the individual and a requested screening from the Family Care Safety Registry. The facility shall submit copies of all eligible letters with a list of staff and job titles.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

9/6/2023

DISPOSITION SUBSTANTIATED		DISPOSITION DATE 6/22/2023
APPROVING SUPERVISOR CHRISCO, MARLA L		