



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF  
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT  
3/9/2020

DVN  
002754685

**FACILITY NAME**

GODS RISING STARS CHILD CARE CENTER CORP

**FACILITY ADDRESS**

3611 E 27TH ST

**CITY**

KANSAS CITY

**ZIP CODE**

64127-4330

**PHONE NUMBER**

(816) 599-7010

**COUNTY**

JACKSON

**ASSIGNED SPECIALIST**

SNODGRASS, PENNY

**RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

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19 CSR 30-62.122 (1)(A)

All persons working in a day care facility in any capacity during child care hours, including volunteers counted in staff/child ratios, shall be in good physical and emotional health with no physical or mental conditions which would interfere with child care responsibilities. These persons shall have a medical examination report, signed by a licensed physician or registered nurse who is under the supervision of a licensed physician, on file at the facility at the time of initial licensure or within thirty (30) days following employment.

19 CSR 30-62.122 (1)(B)

Medical examination reports shall include a "Risk Assessment for Tuberculosis" form, included herein, completed and signed by a health care professional, as provided by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS). If the person has signs or symptoms of tuberculosis, or risk factors for tuberculosis, then testing for tuberculosis shall occur.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(L)

The provider shall request the results of a criminal background check for child care staff members as required by 19 CSR 30-63.020 General Requirements.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(M)

Child care staff members shall have qualifying background screening results on file as required by 19 CSR 30-63.020 General Requirements.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (1)(O)

A prospective child care staff member may begin work for a child care provider after the criminal background check has been requested from the department; however, pending completion of the criminal background check, the prospective child care staff member shall be supervised at all times by another child care staff member who received a qualifying result on the criminal background check within the past five (5) years.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (4)(C)

The center director, group child care home provider, all other caregivers, and those volunteers who are counted in staff/child ratios shall complete safe sleep training described in section (4) of this rule within thirty (30) days of employment or volunteering at the facility.

19 CSR 30-62.112 (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.

19 CSR 30-62.212 (3)(A)

All children shall be seated in a permanent seat and restrained by seat belts or child restraint devices as required by Missouri law.

19 CSR 30-62.212 (3)(C)

Staff/child ratios shall be maintained at any time the provider transports children away from the facility.

19 CSR 30-62.212 (3)(M)

When children leave the vehicle, the vehicle shall be inspected to ensure that no children are left on or under seats.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

Section for Child Care Regulation (SCCR) determined that God's Rising Stars Child Care Center Corp. violated these child care licensing rules based on observations made by CCFS Michelle Ruffin and CCFS Romena Fox and interviews with facility staff.

On March 12, 2020, CCFS Michelle Ruffin and CCFS Romena Fox arrived at 2:30 pm at God's Rising Stars Child Care Center Corp to conduct an unannounced inspection. At 2:40pm, CCFS Ruffin and CCFS Fox observed a gold fifteen (15) passenger van arrive at the facility driven by Lamond Rushing. Lamond Rushing was observed exiting the vehicle and walked to the passenger side door where eleven (11) preschool age children exited the vehicle. CCFS Ruffin and CCFS Fox asked to observe the inside of the vehicle where CCFS Ruffin and CCFS Fox observed no child safety seats present.

Ms. Patricia Rushing, daycare director, stated that she is aware that they had made a mistake by transporting children, that they were transporting children without child safety seats or seat belts, and that Lamond Rushing had never had any of the required background, fingerprint, or any other required checks done to be eligible to work as an employee at the facility. Ms. Rushing also acknowledged that they have been transporting eight children, four years of age, on a regular basis back and forth from the facility to Richmond Early Learning Center. Caregiver Marie Requena, also acknowledged that the facility had been transporting seven to ten preschool children to and from Brookside Charter School and Richardson Early Learning Center. She also acknowledged that Mr. Rushing was the facilities helper/driver and that she would provide Mr. Rushing with a list of children who he needed to transport.

In addition, CCFS Ruffin and CCFS Fox observed 11 preschool children being cared for by one caregiver who is not an employee of the facility. They also observed 29 preschool children being cared for by two caregivers.

Based on these observations and interviews, this complaint was substantiated.

## CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
All staff will complete one hour of Child Care Transportation Safety Awareness Training that can be found on the Missouri Workshop Calendar. Verification of this training shall be recorded in the Missouri Professional Development Registry (MOPD Registry) at <a href="http://www.OPENInitiative.org">www.OPENInitiative.org</a> within 2 weeks of the training.	Yes	4/26/2021
CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
Patricia Rushing shall develop a plan detailing how the facility will assure that all employees have the required documentation on file prior to beginning employment.	Yes	5/26/2021
CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
Patricia Rushing shall review all employees files to verify that they contain all of the required documentation to be an employee. Verification that this review took place shall be submitted to SCCR by June 30, 2020.	Yes	5/26/2021
CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
Patricia Rushing will update God's Rising Stars Child Care Center Corp. parent Handbook to include policies and procedures related to transporting children including the following: Parent Notification and Permission Forms, vehicle evacuation procedures, how emergency contact information for all children will be handled, and how the facility will ensure that proper ratios are met while transporting children.	Yes	11/2/2020

**DISPOSITION**  
SUBSTANTIATED

**DISPOSITION DATE**  
6/8/2020

**APPROVING SUPERVISOR**  
NURNBERG, TONY A