



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

**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF  
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

**DATE OF REPORT**

12/21/2020

**DVN**

002295412

**FACILITY NAME**

FAITH ACADEMY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

**FACILITY ADDRESS**

3590 RIDER TRAIL SOUTH

**CITY**

EARTH CITY

**ZIP CODE**

63045-1107

**PHONE NUMBER**

(314) 635-2152

**COUNTY**

ST LOUIS

**ASSIGNED SPECIALIST**

WILMESHER, LAURA

**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**

Child Care Facility Specialist (CCFS) Laura Wilmesher conducted an investigation regarding the allegation that Child A was scratched in her face when the teacher grabbed Child A's face and said that Child A should be listening. After conducting the investigation, CCFS Wilmesher finds this allegation is, in part, substantiated. While CCFS Wilmesher did not obtain sufficient evidence to corroborate that Child A was scratched by a caregiver, CCFS Wilmesher did find sufficient evidence to confirm that caregivers April Moss and Danielle Hodges were using a method of discipline which was not stated in the disciplinary philosophy of the facility's current Notice of Parental Responsibility by grabbing and/or holding children by the face.

On December 22, 2020, CCFS Wilmesher also observed and received a copy of the current Notice of Parental Responsibility for the facility. CCFS Wilmesher observed that the disciplinary philosophy for the facility is stated as follows:

"We use 5 different forms of discipline: time out, redirection, modeling, removal of privileges and rewards. If a pattern of harmful behavior is documented, a child may be placed on an individualized Action Plan."

On December 22, 2020, CCFS Wilmesher conducted an interview with Child A who stated Ms. Danielle scratched her and then demonstrated how she scratched her by covering her mouth and nose with one hand. Child A stated Ms. Danielle stated, "Next time do instructions," when she did this.

On December 22, 2020, CCFS Wilmesher conducted interviews with Child C, Child D, and Child E. Child C stated Ms. Danielle grabbed her face and talked to her when she got in trouble and that Ms. April has grabbed someone's face before. Child D stated Ms. April grabbed a kid's face and that she wasn't smiling when she did that, and that the child was in trouble when she did that. Child D also stated Ms. April's grabbed her face and that she's seen Ms. Danielle grab a child's face. Child E stated he has seen Ms. Danielle grab Child A's face and that she told Child A, "You better listen," when she did that.

On December 22, 2020, CCFS Wilmesher conducted an interview with Danielle Hodges who stated there's one child that they will hold the child on both sides of her face to get her focus, because her focus is off the wall, and CCFS Wilmesher observed Danielle Hodges demonstrate this by holding both hands to her cheeks with palms facing inward.

**CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

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The facility shall provide a 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**

12/23/2020

**DISPOSITION**

SUBSTANTIATED

**DISPOSITION DATE**

2/17/2021

**APPROVING SUPERVISOR**

CLARK, ANGELA