



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
11/9/2020

DVN
001943286

FACILITY NAME

PERPETUAL LIFE CHURCH DAYCARE

FACILITY ADDRESS

1400 PARK AVE

CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63104-3032

PHONE NUMBER

(314) 588-9921

COUNTY

ST LOUIS CITY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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RSMo 210.254.2(3)

The notice of parental responsibility shall include the following: The staff/child ratios for enrolled children under two years of age, for children ages two to four and for those five years of age and older as required by the department of health and senior services regulations in licensed facilities, the standard ratio of staff to number of children for each age level maintained in the exempt facility, and the total number of children to be enrolled by the facility.

19 CSR 30-60.050 (1)

Supervision and basic care shall be provided at all license-exempt facilities.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On November 9, 2020 the Section for Child Care Regulation received an allegation at Perpetual Life Church Daycare that it is believed the day care is operating with a staff number that is not sufficient to the number of children in the day care . Unknown the exact numbers but there is only one teacher and there are several or way too many children. Based on two inspections by CCFS Spaulding on November 16, 2020 and December 14, 2020 it is determined that the facility is not maintaining ratio requirements as indicated on the facility's Notice of Parental Responsibility (NPR); therefore the following statute is being cited:

"RSMo 210.254.2(3): The notice of parental responsibility shall include the following: The staff/child ratios for enrolled children under two years of age, for children ages two to four and for those five years of age and older as required by the department of health and senior services regulations in licensed facilities, the standard ratio of staff to number of children for each age level maintained in the exempt facility, and the total number of children to be enrolled by the facility."

On November 16, 2020 Child Care Facility Specialist, Stephanie Spaulding determined that there was one caregiver (Nicole Johnson) with 6 children 10 months old to 2 years old in the infant/toddler unit and she was also supervising 9 additional children 3-5 years old while caregiver, Carolyn Sledge was speaking to CCFS Spaulding regarding the allegations of this report.

On December 14, 2020 when CCFS Spaulding arrived at Perpetual Life Church Daycare, caregiver, Marcia Fowler was caring for 7 children 1-2 years old in the infant/toddler unit. During the inspection, caregiver, Twinita Hudson moved from the preschool classroom to the infant/toddler unit putting this classroom in ratio.

The Notice of Parental Responsibility submitted to SCCR on November 16, 2020 by Perpetual Life Church Daycare indicates that there is one caregiver per six infant/toddler children and one caregiver per fifteen preschool children ages 2 years to 4 years old.

It was also determined that on December 14, 2020 there was a one year old child asleep in a pack n play in an adjacent classroom from the infant/toddler classroom where children were being cared for that was separated by floor to ceiling walls within the infant/toddler unit with no adult caregiver present. In addition, on December 14, 2020 there was a 6 year old child that was in an office doing virtual learning that was unsupervised. The one year old child was moved into the adjacent infant/toddler room with caregiver, Marcia Fowler and Twinita Hudson during the inspection. The 6 year old child was moved into the adjacent classroom to the office with the other school age virtual learning children. Therefore, the following rule violation is being cited:

"19 CSR 30-60.050 (1): Supervision and basic care shall be provided at all license-exempt facilities."

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility is hereby placed on twenty (20)-day notice that a corrective action plan must be developed to ensure compliance with the above statute/rule violations. A copy of the corrective action plan must be received by the Section for Child Care Regulation within twenty (20) days of this letter.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/14/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

1/8/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CLARK, ANGELA