



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
7/27/2021

DVN
002698988

FACILITY NAME

ST. GIANNA EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

ST JOSEPH

ZIP CODE

64501

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COUNTY

BUCHANAN

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

NURNBERG, TONY A

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)(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

The Office of Childhood, Child Care Compliance (CCC) has determined that the allegation in this complaint is substantiated. The determination is based on interviews conducted and observations observed during the course of the investigation.

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.

This rule is substantiated due to the statements made by Lisa Puett, director, Courtney Medinger, Melissa Jimenez'Kearny and Renee Webber, child care providers. All four providers admitted that the facility classrooms are over ratio. Specifically, on July 28, 2021, Ms. Lisa Puett admitted that they had five infants in the infant/toddler classroom being supervised by one teacher. Ms. Puett purposely moved the infant to another classroom when an CCFS Trussell showed up to conduct an unannounced inspection at the facility so it would not appear that the classroom was not out of ratio.

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 children with a maximum of four (4) two (2) year old, when there is more than four (4) two (2) year old in a mixed group, the staff/child ratio shall be no less than one (1) adult to eight (8) children.

This rule is substantiated due to the observation that CCS Tony Nurnberg observed the Four and Five Year Old Classroom to be left unattended as ten (10) children, ages four (4) and five (5) years old, were left alone and unattended in a classroom without any adult supervision while the classroom teacher was next door in another classroom.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility director will need to physically post appropriate staff/child ratios in each classroom so staff and parents can see and observe the sign.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/6/2022

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The director will have a meeting and review staff/child ratio with each employee and have all employees sign a statement stating that they understand. This documentation will need to be sent to Office of Childhood, Child Care Compliance (CCC).

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/5/2022

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

All staff and volunteers must obtain one (1) clock hour on supervision. The

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

6/30/2022

training must be held by an approved and qualified source, outside of St. Gianna Early Childhood's network. Training may be obtained from the Missouri Workshop Calendar. The training calendar can be found at <http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/>. Verification of training completion shall be from the Open Initiative Toolbox report.

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

5/6/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

NURNBERG, TONY A