



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
9/1/2023

DVN
002675636

FACILITY NAME

KREATIVE KIDS PRESCHOOL

FACILITY ADDRESS

5855 SCOTT BLVD

CITY

COLUMBIA

ZIP CODE

65203

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

BOONE

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

HONEA, MICHELLE J

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(C)

Children shall have no access to areas not approved for child care.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On September 1, 2023, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that: They move kids to the two's class before they are two. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Michelle Honea has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(C): which states, "Children shall have no access to areas not approved for childcare."

On September 14, 2023, CI Honea conducted an unannounced inspection to the facility and interviewed director Tara Martin who stated that Child A (23 1/2-month-old) was moved up on September 1, 2023, because the facility wanted to maintain ratio. Director Tara Martin stated that Child A will not turn 2-years-old until September 15, 2023, and she did not realize that would be an issue since the date was so close. Director Tara Martin stated she contacted the parent to obtain permission for the move.

On September 14, 2023, CI Honea reviewed all eighteen 2-year-old files. Seventeen files shows that the children's birthdays are before the child was moved up. There was one file that showed a child to be in the 2-year-old room, but the birthdate to turn two was not until September 15, 2023.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall notify all staff members of the violations which were substantiated, and specify the actions to be taken by all staff in order to comply with all violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

12/29/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

10/31/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA L