



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
8/4/2021

DVN
002209336

FACILITY NAME

PRECIOUS DAYS LEARNING ACADEMY INC

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63134

PHONE NUMBER

(314) 524-1121

COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.102(1)(E)

Caregivers shall have knowledge of the needs of children and shall be sensitive to the capabilities, interests, and problems of children in care.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On August 4, 2021, the Office of Childhood received an allegation that on July 29, 2021, Child A, age 11-months, was placed in a wagon by unknown caregiver(s). The infant pulled up and fell out of the wagon landing on the floor, receiving injuries. Based on interviews with staff of Precious Days Learning Academy Inc and documentation received from Parent A and the facility, the injury to Child A did occur and the wagon that Child A was placed in was not appropriate for transporting infants. Therefore, this allegation is substantiated.

On August 5, 2021, caregiver Kailyn Oldham stated Child A was a child in her classroom. The incident involving Child A was unusual for a normal day. Child A pulls himself up, but does not walk. The children were going outside and she puts them in a wagon to transport the children outside. She put the first two children in the wagon and then put Child A in the wagon. She turned to pick up the fourth child to put in the wagon when Child A fell out of the wagon. Child A hit his nose area on the hitch of the wagon and then hit his head on the floor. There was blood on Child A that she cleaned off and then called for help right away. Ms. Francene and Ms. Johnson came in the room and Ms. Johnson took over the classroom. She then gathered Child A's things because he needed to go to the hospital. Parent A was upset about the first incident report that was written and wanted more information in the incident report about the wagon not having straps.

On August 5, 2021, CI Spaulding received and reviewed photos of the injury to Child A. CI Spaulding observed a bump on the right side of Child A's forehead and red marks or scratches to the nose. The photos received were taken on various dates from July 29, 2021 to August 2, 2021. The photos provided on various dates from July 29, 2021 to August 2, 2021 were taken to show the progression and healing of the injury received by Child A on July 29, 2021.

On August 5, 2021, CI Spaulding took photos of the wagon in which Child A was placed in and consequently fell out of, sustaining an injury to the forehead and nose on July 29, 2021. The photos provide the height and type of wagon that was used to transport toddler children from the classroom to the playground on July 29, 2021. There were no straps observed in the wagon.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility must provide evidence of equipment that is age appropriate for transporting infant/toddler children. Transport equipment shall be kept in good condition and age appropriate. Evidence of the equipment shall be submitted to the Child Care Compliance Section.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

8/5/2021

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

A staff meeting shall be held to discuss and ensure that all furniture and indoor/outdoor equipment are kept in good condition and are age appropriate. A copy of the staff meeting agenda and sign in sheet shall be submitted to the Child

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

8/5/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

12/10/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA