



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT

5/25/2023

DVN

002864351

FACILITY NAME

SAINT LOUIS MONTESSORI LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

5033 NORTHRUP AVE

CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63110-2029

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ST LOUIS CITY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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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

On May 25, 2023, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that on May 24, 2023, there was one teacher with nine infants and another teacher had ten toddlers by themselves at Saint Louis Montessori LLC. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Patrick O'Malley has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(A), which states the following: "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;"

AND

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(E), which states the following: "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."

On May 25, 2023, CI O'Malley conducted a visit to Parent A's (parent of Child A) home and conducted an interview with Parent A, who stated that they picked up Child A (10-months-old) from the facility at 4:00 PM on May 24, 2023. Parent A stated that there were nine infants with one teacher in the infant room and the single teacher reported that most of the staff had called in sick that day.

On May 25, 2023, CI O'Malley conducted an unannounced inspection of the facility and observed correct staff/child ratios in all childcare rooms. CI O'Malley conducted interviews with director Ollie Kyles and teacher Arrione Taylor. Both staff stated that the facility was out of ratio on May 24, 2023, due to four staff members calling out sick. Both staff stated that Mr. Kyles was the only staff member in the preschool room with eleven children ages 2-years-old to 3-years-old for approximately four hours. Both staff stated that Ms. Taylor was the only staff member in the infant room with nine infants for approximately four hours.

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

11/29/2023

DISPOSITION SUBSTANTIATED		DISPOSITION DATE 7/21/2023
APPROVING SUPERVISOR CHRISCO, MARLA L		