

# MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

**DATE OF REPORT** 12/29/2020

DVN

002306374

## **FACILITY NAME**

JUST 4 US CHILDCARE, INC.

## **FACILITY ADDRESS**

2559 RAYMOND DR

| CITY       | ZIP CODE   | PHONE NUMBER   | COUNTY     |
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# **ASSIGNED SPECIALIST**

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

# **RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

# VIOLATION(S)

## 19 CSR 30-62.082 (2)(B)(2)(B)(III)

If a unit for infants and toddlers is auxiliary to a facility for older children, centers initially licensed for infant/toddler care after the effective date of these rules or facilities adding new infant/toddler space, shall have play, sleeping and bathroom space in the infant and toddler unit. This space shall be separated from the space used for older children by floor-to-ceiling walls.

#### 19 CSR 30-62.112 (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.

# **CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

On December 29, 2020 the Section for Child Care Regulation received an allegation that Child A and Child B who are toddlers were in the 2's classroom on December 23, 2020 at 9:00am and December 28, 2020 at noon. While CCFS Spaulding and CCFS Jackson were unable to verify that Child A and Child B has been moved into the 2 year old classroom on December 23, 2020 at 9:00 am and December 28, 2020 at 12:00 pm, based on observation and interviews with the staff of Just 4 Us Childcare, Inc. this allegation is substantiated and the following rule violations are being cited.

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## AND

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On January 6, 2021 director, Jessica McCandless stated that the child CCFS Spaulding and CCFS Jackson observed being moved during the inspection was Child A (1 year old). She stated that Child A is only moved for transition purposes. She stated that Child B (1 year old) is also moved to the 2 year old classroom for transition purposes. Jessica stated that she believed she could move the children that are 1 year old to the 2 year old classroom for transition.

On January 6, 2021 assistant director, Ashley Holman stated that Child A and Child B are moved to the 2 year old classroom on occasion for the purpose of transition.

On January 6, 2021 Parent A who is also a caregiver at Just 4 Us Childcare stated that she was aware of Child A being moved occasionally to the 2 year old classroom for transition.

On January 6, 2021 caregiver, Sophia Culley stated that Child A and Child B are in her classroom occasionally and that she was not aware of the reason why they were in her classroom. She stated that she was not aware of the ratio changing with 1 year old children because she has always been with the 2 year old children and she knows that her ratio is one to eight children.

On January 6, 2021, caregiver, Amy Koval stated that the children are being moved because they are over ratio in the toddler room and that the children being moved has nothing to do with transitioning. The children being moved from the toddler room to

the 2 year old room hasn't just happened on December 23, 2020 or December 28, 2020.

Amy told director, Jessica about moving the children when she first started working at Just 4 Us Childcare and Jessica told me that there was a variance to allow for the transitioning of children from the toddler room to the 2 year old classroom. Amy stated that it is common practice for children to move rooms for the purpose of ratio.

Director, Jessica told Amy just yesterday (January 5, 2021) that there were 6 children in the toddler room and they wanted to downsize to one teacher so they were going to move children to the 2 year old classroom and the infant room.

| CORRECTIVE MEASURE  |                 | COMPLETED (Y/N) | COMPLETED DATE |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| All staff members (paid employees or unpaid volunteers) must take the hour DHSS online training course titled, "Making a Difference: Protect and Keeping Children Safe" available at https://health.mo.gov/safety/childcare/onlinetraining.php Verification of shall be through the Toolbox report. | ting Health     | Yes             | 3/8/2021       |
| CORRECTIVE MEASURE  | COMPLETED (Y/N) | COMPLETED DATE  |                |
| 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 with all licensing violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff ragenda(s) shall be submitted to Section for Child Care Regulation.     |                 | Yes             | 3/2/2021       |
| CORRECTIVE MEASURE  |                 | COMPLETED (Y/N) | COMPLETED DATE |
| Signs shall be posted at all entrances of the rooms displaying the required staff/child ratios.   |                 | Yes             | 4/22/2021      |
| CORRECTIVE MEASURE  |                 | COMPLETED (Y/N) | COMPLETED DATE |
| ratio rules, staff signatures   |                 | Yes             | 6/14/2022      |
| SPOSITION DISPOSITION D   |                 |                 |                |
| SUBSTANTIATED 2/23/2021   |                 |                 |                |
| APPROVING SUPERVISOR  |                 |                 |                |
| CLARK, ANGELA   |                 |                 |                |