



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
12/13/2021

DVN
001040831

FACILITY NAME

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DAY CARE

FACILITY ADDRESS

229 S ROLLINS ST

CITY

CENTRALIA

ZIP CODE

65240

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

BOONE

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

RSMo 210.254.2.

The notice of parental responsibility shall include the following:

RSMo 210.254.2.(3)

The staff/child ratios for enrolled children under two years of age, for children ages two to four and for those five years of age and older as required by the department of health and senior services regulations in licensed facilities, the standard ratio of staff to number of children for each age level maintained in the exempt facility, and the total number of children to be enrolled by the facility;

5 CSR 25-300.040 (1)

Supervision and basic care shall be provided at all license-exempt facilities.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Office of Childhood, Child Care Compliance has determined that First Christian Church Day Care violated statute in regards to dropping children off at the school before the school is open and leaving the children standing outside the school building unsupervised for a period of time.

First Christian Church Day Care was found in violation based on statements by facility staff Halia Hargis, Hannah Taft and Alyson Rackley.

Specifically:

Halia Hargis stated:

- Staff leave the facility at 7:30am with the children that go to Centralia Intermediate School and get to the school by 7:35am.
- Sometimes teachers are standing outside but there is teachers inside watching the children through the doors.
- There are several other children besides those that attend the facility being dropped off at the same time.
- Teachers do not open the doors to the school until 7:40am.
- The facility has been dropping off children prior to 7:40am for several years.
- Staff would drop off the children and leave to transport the other children to the elementary school.
- The children being dropped off range in age from 9 to 11 years and are in grades 3 through 5.
- Staff usually drop off 6 to 9 children.

Hannah Taft stated

- Prior to changes being made, staff would leave with the intermediate school children at 7:30am, it is about a 3 to 5 minute drive to the school and they would usually arrive at the school around 7:35am.
- When they arrive at the school, the children would be dropped off in the front of the building.
- The school doors do not open until 7:40am.
- There are lots of other parents in the drop off line that drop off their children prior to the school doors opening. There are some teacher's children as well.
- When they drop the children off, the children set on the benches at the front door.

Alyson Rackley stated

- Previously, the staff and children would leave the facility at 7:30am and be at the school drop off at 7:35am. It is only a five minute drive at most to the school.

- The children would be dropped off upon arrival and would wait outside the doors .
- She only drove the children on Mondays.
- The school building does not open their doors until 7:40am.
- She was told by someone who works at the school that the school opens their doors at 7:40am and not before then.

Finally the conclusion was based on the observations of Compliance Inspector (CI) Cynthia Maddox who observed First Christian Church Day Care's current Notice of Parental Responsibility (NPR) that indicates the facility will maintain a ratio of one staff member for every ten children ranging in age from five years of age and older.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall provide a statement to the Office of Childhood that they will follow their stated staff to child ratio on their Notice of Parental Responsibility (NPR) or shall submit a new NPR with updated ratio.	Yes	3/24/2022

DISPOSITION	DISPOSITION DATE
SUBSTANTIATED	2/28/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR
BRUCE, CHRISTINA