



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

**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

DATE OF REPORT
7/21/2022

DVN
000206459

FACILITY NAME

LA PETITE ACADEMY, INC.

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

FENTON

ZIP CODE

63026

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COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.192(5)(A)

In case of accident or injury to a child, the provider shall notify the parent(s) immediately. If the child requires emergency medical care, the provider shall follow the parent's(s') written instructions.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On July 27, 2022, Compliance Inspector (CI) Jessica Graham investigated the allegation that on July 13, 2022, Child A (18-months-old) was bitten by another child, on the lower part of his right arm, between the elbow and his wrist. The incident happened at 10:00 a.m., about five minutes after drop off and Parent A was called about 4:00 p.m., 30 minutes before pick up. Parent A was not notified immediately. The allegation is substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-500.192(5)(A) which states: "In case of accident or injury to a child, the provider shall notify the parent(s) immediately. If the child requires emergency medical care, the provider shall follow the parent's(s') written instructions."

On July 27, 2022, assistant director Sarah Mercier stated that Child A (18-months-old) was bit on July 13, 2022, for the first time. The incident was documented and Parent A was called later that evening, but Parent A was not happy. On July 21, 2022, Child A was bit again, around 9:00am. It was around noon before she was able to contact Parent A regarding that bite.

On July 27, 2022, caregiver Sabrina Pryor stated that she does not recall how Child A was bit on July 13, 2022, but does remember that Child A playing by the window and both caregivers were busy with a task when it happened fast. On July 21, 2022, she was changing diapers and Ms. Jackie was with the class when Child A pushed another child in the face and that child bit before Ms. Jackie could get to them.

On July 27, 2022, caregiver Jacqueline "Jackie" Plessinger stated that on July 13, 2022, she realized that Child A was getting bit as it was happening but did not get to him fast enough. When Child A was bit on July 21, 2022, she was sitting right next to him when it happened. It was a quick move and she was unable to stop if before it happened.

On July 27, 2022, CI Graham observed two incident reports for Child A. The report dated July 13, 2022, noted that Child A was bit on the arm by a classmate while playing. The time of the incident occurred at 10:00am. There was no time listed for parent notification other than the parent signature at 5:20pm. The report dated July 21, 2022, noted that Child A was bit after shoving a friend on the head. This incident occurred at 9:00am and the parent was notified by phone at 12:00pm.

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 licensing violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda(s) shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

10/14/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

10/3/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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