



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
1/20/2022

DVN
001971684

FACILITY NAME

MT PLEASANT CHILD DEVELOPMENT & ENRICHMENT CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63120-2011

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ST LOUIS CITY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

WILMESHER, LAURA

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.092(1)(A)1.

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CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Laura Wilmesher conducted an investigation regarding the allegation that the facility told Parent A, parent of Child A, that Child A (1-year-old) was playing with a metal truck and fell, resulting in lacerations to both ears. One ear required stitches. After conducting the investigation, CI Wilmesher finds this allegation is substantiated. This conclusion is based on the following evidence of licensing rule violations which occurred at the facility:

5 CSR 25-500.092(1)(A)1. which states: "All furniture and equipment shall be constructed safely, in good condition and free of sharp, loose or pointed parts. Only lead-free paint shall be used."

On January 20, 2022, CI Wilmesher observed photos taken by Parent A of Child A's injuries to his ears. Photos of Child A's right ear showed that his earlobe was split and had dried blood surrounding the split in his earlobe, and photos of Child A's left ear showed a tear in the skin at the back of his ear which had dried blood.

CI Wilmesher also interviewed Parent A, who stated the facility notified her that Child A had split his ear by falling on a truck.

On January 20, 2022, CI Wilmesher conducted an unannounced inspection of the facility. During the inspection, CI Wilmesher observed and took photos of a Tonka toy dump truck, made of metal and plastic. CI Wilmesher observed a small section of the truck's "bumper" which had broken off and left behind a sharp, jagged edge.

CI Wilmesher also observed and received a copy of the incident report for Child A from January 19, 2022. The report stated, "I was at the changing table changing a child and [Child A] was playing with a metal truck and fell on it and split his ear".

On January 20, 2022, CI Wilmesher interviewed Child A's caregiver, Shirley Sandford, who stated Child A had been playing with the yellow Tonka truck while she was changing a diaper, and when she finished changing a diaper, she saw that Child A was bleeding. Ms. Shirley stated she was the only caregiver in the room at the time of the incident, and that the only object near Child A was injured was the yellow Tonka truck. Ms. Shirley confirmed that the Tonka truck with the broken, sharp edge on the "bumper" was the truck that Child A had been playing with when he was injured.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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A plan shall be implemented to ensure that daily checks are conducted of all furniture and indoor/outdoor equipment to ensure it is kept in good condition. A copy of the plan shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/25/2022

DISPOSITION SUBSTANTIATED		DISPOSITION DATE 3/16/2022
APPROVING SUPERVISOR CHRISCO, MARLA L		