



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT

9/14/2021

DVN

002870013

FACILITY NAME

ADVENTURES IN LEARNING CHILDCARE CENTER LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

1871 COUNTY ROAD 358

CITY

FULTON

ZIP CODE

65251-3476

PHONE NUMBER

(573) 642-0107

COUNTY

CALLAWAY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

PARSLEY, JIM

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.082(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;

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The Office of Childhood has determined that Adventures in Learning Childcare Center, L.L.C. was in violation of the above regulation. This determination is being based upon statements made by the director of the facility, Molly James, indicating that two one-year-olds, Child A and B, were being cared for in the 2-3 year old classroom. One of the teachers in the 2-3 year old classroom, Suella Miller, stated that two of the children in her classroom, Child A and B, are under 2 years of age. The other teacher in the 2-3 year old classroom, Courtney Thompson, stated that Child A and B are under 2 years of age, and that she takes them into the 3-5 year old classroom across the hall in the afternoons. The registered agent for Adventures in Learning Childcare Center, L.L.C., Nathan Martin, stated he was not aware that children under 2 years of age could be cared for outside of the infant-toddler unit as long as staff-to-child ratios were being maintained for them. During an inspection by Compliance Inspector, Jim Parsley, on September 16, 2021, Nathan Martin identified 2 children in the 2-3 year old classroom, Child A and B, as being under 2 years of age.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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Adventures in Learning Childcare Center, L.L.C. will conduct a staff meeting during which it will be explained that children under 2 years of age may not be cared for in classrooms other than the infant-toddler unit. Copies of the agenda and sign-in sheet from this meeting will be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

12/3/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/10/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

BRUCE, CHRISTINA