



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
9/22/2022

DVN
002232533

FACILITY NAME

LITTLE STEPS PRESCHOOL AND LEARNING CENTER 3,LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

FLORISSANT

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COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1.

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3.

Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Jessica Graham investigated the allegation that Child A (approximately 5 years old) was left alone on the playground, outside, on September 20, 2022. A passerby saw the child alone and knocked on the door of the daycare to inform them that the child was found outside alone in the playground area. The allegation is substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1. which states: "Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision."

AND

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)2. which states: "Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises."

On September 22, 2022, caregiver Stephanie Smith-Adams stated that Ms. Mykeal was in the classroom with ten 3- to 4-year-olds, including Child A. When the kids are lined up, the caregivers are supposed to count heads when they go outside and as they come back in. The caregivers are also supposed to count again when they come back in, once they get to the hand sinks to wash hands. At around 10:45am, someone was passing by the facility and saw Child A outside. The passerby opened the front door, asked the parent standing at the desk (Parent B) if she worked there, and told Parent B that there was a child outside, alone. Parent B went out to get the child and brought him inside to Ms. Love. Child A was outside for only one to two minutes.

On September 22, 2022, caregiver Chevron Love stated that it was around 11:00am and Parent B brought Child A into the classroom. Parent B told her that Child A was outside on the playground, alone. Ms. Mykeal had just brought her class inside and they were at the sink washing hands. Child A looked like he had been crying when he came in because his eyes were wet. Caregivers are supposed to do head counts before going outside and when coming in.

On October 3, 2022, caregiver Mykeal Adams stated that she was working with Child A on September 20, 2022. At approximately 10:00am, she took the class outside and went back inside around 10:45am. She gathered all the kids to bring them in but did not do a head count. She walked the kids inside to wash hands and then Parent B brought Child A to her. Someone had drove by and saw Child A outside and told Parent B.

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 shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

11/14/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

10/31/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA L