



**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**  
**OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE**  
**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF**  
**SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

**DATE OF REPORT**  
2/22/2022

**DVN**  
002105224

**FACILITY NAME**

KIDSWORLD NORTH, L.L.C.

**FACILITY ADDRESS**

9833 HALLS FERRY

**CITY**

ST LOUIS

**ZIP CODE**

63136

**PHONE NUMBER**

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**COUNTY**

ST LOUIS

**ASSIGNED SPECIALIST**

FYFE, IAN

**RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)7.

Physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, slapping, shaking, biting, or pulling hair shall be prohibited.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

On February 22, 2022, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that Christine Misuraca, a caregiver at KidsWorld North, LLC., pinched Child A on the upper left arm. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Ian Fyfe has found this allegation to be substantiated. The following rule was violated:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)7., which states the following: "Physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, slapping, shaking, biting, or pulling hair shall be prohibited."

On February 22, 2022, Compliance Inspector (CI) Ian Fyfe conducted a visit with Parent A (parent of Child A) and Child A. CI Fyfe interviewed Parent A and Child A. Parent A stated that they observed the marks on Child A while changing Child A's shirt. Child A told Parent A that their arm hurt from Ms. Misuraca pinching Child A. During the home visit with CI Fyfe, Child A informed CI Fyfe that Ms. Misuraca pinched Child A with her nails.

On February 22, 2022, CI Fyfe conducted an unannounced inspection at Kid's World North, LLC. CI Fyfe interviewed Director Felicia Cook, Caregiver Charlette Brown, and Caregiver Cierra Augustine. All three staff members interviewed stated that they did not observe Ms. Misuraca harm Child A. CI Fyfe also interviewed three children attending the facility: Child B, Child C, and Child D. Child B, 5-years-old, and Child D, 4-years-old, both informed CI Fyfe that Ms. Misuraca grabs children by the arm to make them sit down. Both Child B and Child D stated that they have seen Ms. Misuraca grab Child A's arm and make Child A sit down when Child A refused to sit down. Child B informed CI Fyfe that Child A was upset when this happened.

On February 28, 2022, CI Fyfe interviewed Ms. Christine Misuraca via phone call. Ms. Misuraca denied all allegations when speaking with CI Fyfe. Ms. Misuraca stated that she does not use physical discipline with the children and that she thinks that Child A's injury was accidentally caused by a sibling or parent at home.

**CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

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All staff and volunteers of KidsWorld North, LLC. must obtain one clock hour of training approved by the the Child Care Compliance Section, on age appropriate discipline. The training must be held by an approved and qualified source, outside of the KidsWorld North, LLC. network.

**COMPLETED (Y/N)**

Yes

**COMPLETED DATE**

11/3/2022

**DISPOSITION**

SUBSTANTIATED

**DISPOSITION DATE**

4/22/2022

**APPROVING SUPERVISOR**

CHRISCO, MARLA L