



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

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

DATE OF REPORT
5/19/2022

DVN
002636571

FACILITY NAME

WESTPORT MONTESSORI, LLC

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CITY

KANSAS CITY

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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

Only constructive, age-appropriate methods of discipline shall be used to help children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their own actions.

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 May 19, 2022, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that Child A(4-years-old) would get in trouble and be hit by Caregivers Fabrianne "Faye" Walker and Shana Medley. Child A was hit on his head, thighs, shins, and feet. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) JD Greer has found the allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)3. which states, "Only constructive, age-appropriate methods of discipline shall be used to help children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their own actions."

AND

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

On May 20, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Child B (5-years-old) who stated she has seen Ms. Faye and Ms. Shana hit Child C (4-years-old). She saw Child C hit with a closed hand on top of her head. Child C cried. She has seen this happen more than once. Child B stated Ms. Shana slapped her in the ear. It didn't hurt, but it made her feel bad. It has happened lots of times.

On May 20, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Child C (4-years-old) who stated she saw Ms. Faye hit Child E on the bottom with an open hand. It made him cry.

On May 20, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Child D (4-years-old) who stated she saw Child A get hit on the legs by Ms. Faye. Child A cried. She has seen it happen lots of times. She only saw Child A get hit. She did not see any other children get hit.

On May 20, 2022, CI Greer interviewed Child E (3-years-old) who stated he saw Child A get hit in the ear by Ms. Faye. Child A cried. Child E stated Ms. Shana hit him on his side and back with an open hand.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding appropriate discipline. Specifically, 5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)3. which states, "Only constructive, age-appropriate methods of discipline shall be used to help children develop self-control and

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Yes

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assume responsibility for their own actions." AND 5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)7. which states, "Physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, slapping, shaking, biting, or pulling hair shall be prohibited." The facility must provide the Office of Childhood- Childcare Compliance with a statement, signed by all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

1/3/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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