



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

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

DATE OF REPORT

8/18/2021

DVN

002462062

FACILITY NAME

PURPOSE FOR LIFE FOUNDATION

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

KANSAS CITY

ZIP CODE

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ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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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

Compliance Inspector (CI) Gregg Gillen and CI JD Greer conducted an unannounced investigation of the allegations that Caregiver Dina used physical punishment on children in the care of Purpose for Life Foundation. Those allegations are 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

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."

On August 18, 2021, CI Gillen interviewed Child B (7-years-old) at the facility. Child B stated Ms. Dina is her teacher. Ms. Dina tells them to sit at their table with their heads down or has them stand in the hall when they misbehave. Ms. Dina has "flicked" her on the ear before. Ms. Dina flicks a lot of kids on the ears. She has seen Ms. Dina rub her knuckles on a child's head.

On August 18, 2021, CI Gillen interviewed Child C (10-years-old). Child C stated Ms. Dina flicks the ears of bad kids. Ms. Dina rubs her knuckles on the heads of bad kids. Child C said examples of being bad were, kicking chairs and not stopping when told to stop.

On August 18, 2021, CI Gillen interviewed Child D (6-years-old) at the facility. Child D stated Ms. Dina is his teacher. He said Ms. Dina is mean and yells. Ms. Dina has "flicked" him on the ear along with other children. Ms. Dina rubs her knuckles on the heads of boys not girls. Ms. Dina pushes kids out of chairs.

On August 18, 2021, CI Gregg Gillen interviewed Child E (7-years-old) at the facility. Child E stated Ms. Dina is his teacher. Ms. Dina has flicked him on the ear before.

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.

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The facility shall have all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers) obtain one (1) clock hour of approved training on behavior management, outside the Purpose For Life Foundation network. Training may be obtained from the Missouri Workshop Calendar. The training calendar can be found at <http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/>. The local Child Care Aware agency may also assist in finding training. The Child Care Aware website can be found at <http://www.childcareaware.org/>. Verification of training completion shall be from the Open Initiative Toolbox report.

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Yes

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APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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