



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

DATE OF REPORT
8/11/2021

DVN
002887256

FACILITY NAME
THE LEARNING EXPERIENCE

FACILITY ADDRESS
8251 N FLINTLOCK RD

CITY
KANSAS CITY

ZIP CODE
64158-1420

PHONE NUMBER
(816) 429-6612

COUNTY
CLAY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST
SNODGRASS, PENNY

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.092(1)(B)1.A.

An individual cot or bed shall be provided for each child who naps or sleeps. An individually assigned sheet and blanket shall be provided for each child twelve (12) months and older who naps or sleeps. Upper levels of bunk beds shall not be used.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The Office of Childhood (OOC) had determined that this allegation is substantiated. The determination is based on observations made by Compliance Inspector (CI) Penny Snodgrass and interviews with Mother of Child A, Managing Member Amber Limkemann and Director Lauren Pauls.

On August 12, 2021 CI Snodgrass conducted an unannounced inspection at the facility. During the inspection Managing Member Amber Limkemann stated she remembers an incident when the Director Lauren Pauls allowed Child A to sleep on her chest because the teachers had misplaced Child A's sheets and blankets. Amber Limkemann stated that the parents provide the sheets and blanket but Child A's sheets and blankets were misplaced for one day.

On August 17, 2021 during a telephone interview with Director Lauren Pauls she stated that she is the director of the facility. Lauren Pauls also stated that Child A's sheets and blankets were misplaced on one occasion so she let Child A sleep on her chest during nap time but she doesn't remember what date that it was.

On August 12, 2021 CI Snodgrass observed nap time in all classrooms ages toddler through 5 years old. CI Snodgrass observed 2 children without both a sheet and a blanket on their cot in the preschool classroom. During the inspection Managing Member Scott Limkemann gathered 2 extra sheets and blankets for these 2 children correcting this violation by placing them on the cots.

Based on the observation made by CI Snodgrass when 2 children were on their cots without both a sheet and a blanket and when Director Lauren Pauls stated that Child A's blanket and sheet were misplaced so she let Child A sleep on her chest this allegation is substantiated.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall develop a plan to ensure that all children who nap will be provided with an individually assigned sheet and blanket and an individual cot or bed. The facility will provide a plan to Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

5/5/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

4/8/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

NURNBERG, TONY A