



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

DATE OF REPORT
3/16/2020

DVN
002397099

FACILITY NAME

KIDDIE ACADEMY OF O'FALLON

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

O FALLON

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(1)

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(3)

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

19 CSR 30-62.082 (6)(A)(3)

Adult supervision shall be provided at all times when children are outside. For children three (3) years of age and above, staff/child ratios may be one and one-half (1 1/2) times the indoor staff/child ratios. The required indoor staff/child ratios shall be maintained on the premises at all times.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Based on interviews with staff members of Kiddie Academy of O'Fallon, it was determined that Child A, age 3 years, was left unsupervised for approximately 2-3 minutes on the playground during a tornado drill on March 3, 2020. Therefore, the following rules violations are cited:

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(1): Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

AND

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(3): Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

On March 16, 2020 interviews with director, Allie Zamkus, assistant director, Alexa Douglass, and caregivers, Dajha Adams and Jody Murphy of Kiddie Academy of O'Fallon were consistent with their statements regarding Child A being left on the playground unsupervised during a tornado drill on March 3, 2020. All staff members stated that Child A was left on the playground unsupervised for 2-3 minutes and that she was immediately retrieved from the playground and placed back with her class.

Director, Allie Zamkus stated that Parent A was notified, but an incident/injury report was not completed. However, Allie stated that a typed note of the incident was placed in Child A's file, a copy of which was provided to CCFS Spaulding.

The report of this incident was received anonymously, therefore the reporter could not be interviewed.

PROVIDER COMMENTS

As stated in the report provided, one of the Kiddie Academy of O'Fallon's classes was out on the playground when the county's monthly tornado drill sirens went off. The children were gathered, lined up and progressed into the building to line the hallways with the rest of the children, as per our tornado protocol. A face to name check was done as the children were taking their places for the drill near their classroom, at which time it was noted that Child A was missing. She was retrieved within three minutes after the children entered the building. We have now added a step to our procedures and a name to face identification is now being done when the children are lining up and still on the playground before re-entering the building. In addition, once they get back into their classroom, another name to face check is conducted. This procedure will help assure us that all children who went onto the playground are, in fact, returning into the building.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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All staff and volunteers must obtain one (2) clock hours on supervision. The

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

6/10/2020

training must be held by an approved and qualified source, outside of the Kiddy Academy of O'Fallon network. Training may be obtained from the Missouri Workshop Calendar. The training calendar can be found at <http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/>. Verification of training completion shall be from the Open Initiative Toolbox report.

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding supervision. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation 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.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

5/6/2020

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

4/13/2020

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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