



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

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

DATE OF REPORT
12/18/2019

DVN
002419485

FACILITY NAME

LEE'S KINDER ACADEMY

FACILITY ADDRESS

8560 N GREEN HILLS RD STE 106

CITY

KANSAS CITY

ZIP CODE

64154-1697

PHONE NUMBER

(816) 392-1019

COUNTY

PLATTE

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

BARTON, JANA

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.112 (1)(A)

Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2)- years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Section for Child Care Regulation determined that Lee's Kinder Academy violated this licensing rule based on statements made by facility director Shari Lee and caregiver Liliana Lepe. Ms. Lepe stated that she has had 7 toddlers to herself all day at times. Director Sheri Lee stated that caregiver Liliana Lepe probably did have 7 children to herself but only for short periods of time in the morning before all staff arrive. Director Sheri Lee further stated that she believed this to be okay as she thought there was a licensing rule that allowed them to be out of compliance with staff/child ratios for up to 15 minutes.

On January 2, 2020 Child Care Facility Specialist Jana Barton conducted an unannounced inspection at the center and found all classes to be in compliance with staff/child ratios. Staff and children's attendance records were reviewed with Director Sheri Lee and they did not show that the center was out of compliance with staff/child ratios on November 18 and November 19, 2019.

Based on staff interviews, this complaint is substantiated.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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Director Sheri Lee will read licensing rules 19 CSR 30-62.112 which pertain to required staff/child ratios. She will provide a written statement that she has done so, that she understands the rules, and that she will adhere to the required staff/child ratios at all times.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

2/27/2020

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

All staff, including director, will complete a 2-hour online training entitled Licensing Rules and Best Practices that can be found on the Department of Health and Senior Services website (www.health.mo.gov). Written verification that all staff have completed the required training must be provided to SCCR.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

3/3/2020

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

2/18/2020

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

KENNEDY, AMY C