



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
7/26/2021

DVN
001836348

FACILITY NAME

CHILD'S WORLD PLAY SCHOOL

FACILITY ADDRESS

407 NORTH ST

CITY

ASHLAND

ZIP CODE

65010-9702

PHONE NUMBER

(573) 657-1234

COUNTY

BOONE

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

PARSLEY, JIM

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

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 30-62.212 (1)(A)

The provider shall be responsible for the care, safety and supervision of children on field trips or at any time they transport children away from the facility.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The Office of Childhood has determined that Child's World Play School was in violation of regulations. This determination is being based upon statements made by the director of the facility, Debbie Wren, indicating that, on July 23, 2021, two teachers at the facility, Michayla Cuddy and Kaitlyn Bennett, left seven-year-old Child A at the swimming pool in Ashland. Michayla Cuddy stated that, when Child A's father showed up at the swimming pool at approximately 2:30 p.m. earlier that afternoon, she heard Child A ask him if she could stay at the swimming pool with Child C and her grandmother. Michayla Cuddy stated that she thought Child A's father said yes but she did not talk to him personally about the matter. Kaitlyn Bennett stated that, when Child A's father came to the swimming pool, he said that Child A could stay, and she thought he meant that Child A would be staying at the pool with Child C and Child C's grandmother. Kaitlyn Bennett stated that she, Michayla Cuddy, and the other children in the classroom left the swimming pool and returned to Child's World at approximately 2:45-3:00 p.m. Kaitlyn Bennett stated that, when Child A's father showed up at the daycare at approximately 4:00 p.m. later that afternoon to pick up Child A, she told him Child A was still at the swimming pool, and that she thought he had given Child A permission to remain at the pool with Child C and Child C's grandmother. Kaitlyn Bennett stated that Child A's father responded that he did not mean that and hurried to the swimming pool to pick up Child A. Child A's father stated that he thought the conversation he was having with Child A and her teachers had to do with Child A staying at the swimming pool until her classroom returned to Child's World and that she would be returning to the daycare with her classmates. Child A's father stated that he does not know Child C or her grandmother and did not authorize either one of them as individuals his children could be released to. Child A stated that she was supposed to have gone back to daycare with the other children in her classroom and that Child A's father picked her up at the swimming pool. Child C stated that Child A's father did not say it was alright for Child A to stay at the swimming pool with her and her grandmother. A Report of Accident, Injury and/or Emergency Medical Care related to this incident and signed by the director, Debbie Wren, indicates that Child A's father called her at 5:30 p.m. and explained that Child A had been left at the pool. A July 23, 2021 Sign In/Sign Out sheet observed by Compliance Inspector, Jim Parsley, on July 26, 2021 indicates that Child A's father arrived at Child's World at 4:15 p.m. to pick up Child A. This would indicate that Child A was left at the swimming pool from approximately 2:45-3:00 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.212 (3)(J)

Children shall be released only to the parent(s) or individual(s) authorized by the parent(s).

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CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
Child's World Plays School will revise its policies to include an item indicating that children will be release only to the persons authorized by his or her parents. A copy of these revised policies will be provided to the Office of Childhood.	Yes	8/30/2021
CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
Child's World Play School will conduct a staff meeting during which the regulation requiring that children be released only to the persons authorized by his or her parents will be discussed. Copies of the agenda and sign-in sheet from this meeting will be provided to the Office of Childhood.	Yes	9/17/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

9/16/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

BRUCE, CHRISTINA