



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

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

DATE OF REPORT
12/13/2023

DVN
002859152

FACILITY NAME

BIG ADVENTURE'S ACADEMY 2 LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

8035 N BROADWAY 1ST FL

CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63147-2416

PHONE NUMBER

(314) 925-8477

COUNTY

ST LOUIS CITY

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

OMALLEY, PATRICK

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.032(4)

The person(s) or legal entity who owns a child care facility shall be responsible for meeting all debts and obligations incurred by the facility and for maintaining compliance with all licensing rules for group child care homes and child care centers.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On December 13, 2023, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that director Margo Cuffie of Big Adventure's Academy 2 LLC, was behind in her rent and owes \$2720.00 in late fees. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Patrick O'Malley has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.032(4), which states: "The person(s) or legal entity who owns a child care facility shall be responsible for meeting all debts and obligations incurred by the facility and for maintaining compliance with all licensing rules for group child care homes and child care centers."

On December 15, 2023, CI O'Malley received a copy of the lease for 8035 North Broadway, 1st floor, Saint Louis, MO 63147 dated June 7, 2021. The lease shows, "Late payments will be assessed the following fees. After the due date of the 10th of each month the fee will be assessed starting on the 11th day of each month. The late fee is \$100.00 plus \$5.00 for each additional late day after the 11th." CI O'Malley also received a bill from landlord Sasha Miracola to Ms. Cuffie for a total of \$2720.00 in late fees.

On December 19, 2023, Ms. Cuffie stated that she was in a dispute the landlord over late fees to the facility's rent payments. She had an overdue late fee bill of \$2720.00.

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(A)9.

The facility shall be clean at all times and free of dirt, insects, spiders, rodents or other pests.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On December 13, 2023, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that Big Adventure's Academy 2 LLC had rats and the facility was not clean. After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Patrick O'Malley has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence:

5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(A)9., which states: "The facility shall be clean at all times and free of dirt, insects, spiders, rodents or other pests."

On December 19, 2023, CI O'Malley observed an invoice, dated December 7, 2023, from Wilson's Pest Control, Inc., which shows that an inspection found that rats were getting into storage in the infants' room.

On December 19, 2023, teacher Antoinette Stallings stated that other staff had reported seeing rats in the basement. Ms. Stallings had never seen rats, or evidence of rats, herself. No one had reported rats in the child care rooms. An exterminator had serviced the basement earlier in the month.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

COMPLETED (Y/N)

COMPLETED DATE

The facility shall notify all staff members of the violations which were substantiated, and specify the actions to be taken by all staff in order to comply with all violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

Yes

10/31/2024

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

2/9/2024

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA L