



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

DATE OF REPORT
9/2/2020

DVN
000169115

FACILITY NAME

LITTLE EXPLORERS DISCOVERY CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

1002 MYRTLE AVE

CITY

JEFFERSON CITY

ZIP CODE

65101

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

COLE

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

KOETTING, SHELBY N

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.132 (8)

The provider shall develop and implement a procedure for admitting children which shall include.

19 CSR 30-62.132 (8)(E)

Completion by the parent(s) of the following written information, which shall be on file before the child is accepted for care.

19 CSR 30-62.132 (8)(E)(3)

A diet plan for each infant/toddler signed by the parent(s).

19 CSR 30-62.092 (1)(B)(2)(H)

Blankets or other soft or loose bedding shall not be hung on the sides of cribs or put under the fitted sheet. Only sleep clothing that is designed to keep an infant warm without the possible hazard of covering the head or face may be used during sleep or nap time.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

SCCR has determined that this complaint is substantiated based on interviews with staff members , Glenna Barfield and Kim Michaels, director, Donna Scheidt, and Parent of Child A and observations made by CCFS Shelby Koetting.

Glenna Barfield stated that she noticed Child A's feet were cold so she swaddled him in a sleep sack. It was not tight and was age appropriate for Child A. She put Child A in the swing and went back to work with the other children at the table . A couple of minutes later, she heard Kim say Child A's name and noticed his face was blue. She dropped what she was doing and ran over to get him out of the swing. Once she picked him up, his color returned and he let out a little cry.

Donna Scheidt's stated that she was not at the facility when the incident occurred. She was notified of the incident and told Shasta to immediately call Parent of Child A to inform her of the incident . When she returned to the facility, she watched the video footage of the incident. Glenna had put Child A in a sleep sack and then into the swing . Glenna then went back to doing an art project with the rest of the children at the table. Kim was in the chair next to the swing giving another infant a bottle. Kim noticed Child A change color and called for Glenna , who immediately took Child A out of the swing. Glenna held Child A and his color returned and he started crying . She held him until Parent of Child A arrived to pick him up.

Kimberly Michael's stated that Glenna moved Child A to the swing when he was not wanting to go to sleep after rocking him . Child A was not sleeping in the swing. A couple minutes later, when Kim looked over at Child A, he was turning purple and she called for Glenna to come help. Glenna was able to get to Child A quicker than Kim could because she was in the process of feeding another child . When Glenna pulled him out of the swing, his color returned to his face and he started crying.

On September 2, 2020, CCFS Koetting observed video surveillance that showed Glenna Barfield putting Child A in a sleep sack on the floor at 9:32:53. At 09:35:01, Glenna Barfield rocks Child A in the rocking chair at the back of the room . At 09:49:46, Glenna Barfield ran over to the swing Child A was in. At 09:49:56, Glenna Barfield removed Child A from the swing. At 09:49:57, Glenna Barfield holds Child A and bounces him until he calms down.

This allegation will be substantiated that Child A was inappropriately wearing a sleep sack while awake and in a swing at Little Explorers Discovery Center on September 2, 2020.

In addition, on September 2, 2020, CCFS Koetting observed Child A's Infant Care Feeding Plan and it was not signed by the parent.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding Safe Sleep, with an emphasis on 19 CSR 30-62.092(1)(B)(2)(H). The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a statement, signed by all staff (paid employees or unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.	Yes	1/4/2021

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall update its safe sleep policy to include: sleep sacks will only be worn when the child is napping or attempting to nap; and extra clothing shall be available at the facility in the event that a child is cold and needs extra clothing for warmth. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a copy of the updated policy, signed by all staff (paid employees or unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow the changes made to the policy.	Yes	1/4/2021

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall develop a plan to ensure children's records are signed by the parent upon enrollment. A copy of the plan shall be provided to the Section for Child Care Regulation.	Yes	1/4/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/17/2020

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

TODARO, KAYLA