



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

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

DATE OF REPORT

8/6/2021

DVN

002650180

FACILITY NAME

LITTLE SUNSHINE'S PLAYHOUSE & PRESCHOOL

FACILITY ADDRESS

8351 DELCREST DR

CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63124-2102

PHONE NUMBER

(314) 995-7204

COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

GRAHAM, JESSICA

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.082(2)(B)2.B.(IV)

No more than eight (8) infant/toddlers or sixteen (16) two (2) -year olds shall be in a group;

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)

The following staff/child ratios shall be maintained on the premises at all times:

5 CSR 25-500.112(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;

5 CSR 25-500.112(1)(B)

Age Two (2) Years. Groups composed solely of two (2) -year olds shall have no less than one (1) adult to eight (8) children, with no more than sixteen (16) children in a group;

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On August 16, 2021, Compliance Inspector (CI) Jessica Graham investigated the allegation that this facility is out of ratio early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Usually, between 7:30-8:00am, the two and three year old class and the I/ T class are out of ratio. This allegation is substantiated.

On August 16, 2021, CI Graham arrived at the facility at approximately 7:45am. Ratios were immediately observed as follows:

- Enchanted Forest (Two's Room): Mr. Ryan was present with 11 two-year-old's
- Neverland (Infant/Toddler Room): Ms. Laru, Ms. Christine and Ms. Tatiana were present with 9 one-year-old's
- Land of Oz (Four's & Five's Room): Ms. Evlina was present with 6 four-and-five-year-old's
- Wonderland (Infant/Toddler Room): Ms. Amanda and Alma were present with 8 babies ages four-months to one-year
- Emerald City (Three's & Four's Room): Ms. Alina and Ms. Kaite were present with 15 three-and-four-year-old's
- Ashdown (Infant/Toddler Room): Ms. Kristina was present with 2 one-year-old's.

Ratios were not maintained in two rooms.

On August 16, 2021, CI Graham interviewed caregivers.

Caregiver Ryan Mitchinson stated that ratios are off in the mornings because the center is low on staff. Sometimes Mr. Daniel will take children from classrooms, into the alcove at the front of the building, until all the classrooms have been opened.

Caregivers Laru Calton and Amy Karpinski stated that they will use the buzzers in their classrooms to let the front desk know if ratios are off. The mornings and later afternoons are when the ratios are off due to not all the classrooms being open.

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Signs shall be posted at all entrances of the rooms displaying the required staff/child ratios.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

12/7/2021

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

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 licensing violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda(s) shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

12/7/2021

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

12/1/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA