



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

DATE OF REPORT
8/18/2021

DVN
002462062

FACILITY NAME

PURPOSE FOR LIFE FOUNDATION

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

KANSAS CITY

ZIP CODE

64137-2535

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)3.

Only constructive, age-appropriate methods of discipline shall be used to help children develop self-control and assume responsibility for their own actions.

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(C)7.

Physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, slapping, shaking, biting, or pulling hair shall be prohibited.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Gregg Gillen conducted an unannounced investigation of the allegations that a five year old child disclosed that his teacher, Ms. Dina, had flicked him in the ears and pinched his arm leaving a red mark which was gone by the time the child was picked up by his parents. Ms. Dina also told the child he was bad. The allegations are substantiated based on the following evidence.

On August 25, 2021 Compliance Inspector (CI) Gregg Gillen initiated a complaint investigation at Purpose For Life Foundation. CI Gillen interviewed Cristian Randle (Owner/Director) at the facility. Ms. Randle provided the following information:

- Ms. Dina has been terminated.
- She said Child A had been sent to her for misbehaving, but did not say anything about being hit.
- She said a grandparent had reported that Ms. Dina was flicking ears.
- She said she has never seen Ms. Dina push children out of chairs.

On August 18, 2021 Compliance Inspector (CI) Gregg Gillen initiated a complaint investigation at Purpose For Life Foundation. CI Gillen interviewed Child B (7 years old) at the facility. Child B provided the following information:

- Ms. Dina is her teacher.
- Ms. Dina tells them to sit at their table with their heads down or has them stand in the hall when they misbehave.
- Ms. Dina has "flicked" her on the ear before.
- Ms. Dina flicks a lot of kids on the ears.
- She has seen Ms. Dina rub her knuckles on a child's head.

On August 18, 2021 Compliance Inspector (CI) Gregg Gillen initiated a complaint investigation at Purpose following information and interviewed Child C (10-years old). Child C provided the following information:

- Ms. Dina flicks the ears of bad kids.
- Ms. Dina rubs her knuckles on the heads of bad kids.
- Child C said examples of being bad were, kicking chairs and not stopping when told to stop.

On August 18, 2021 Compliance Inspector (CI) Gregg Gillen initiated a complaint investigation at Purpose For Life Foundation. CI Gillen interviewed Child D (6 years old) at the facility. Child D provided the following information:

- Ms. Dina is his teacher.
- He said Ms. Dina is mean and yells.
- M. Dina has "flicked" him on the ear along with other children.
- Ms. Dina rubs her knuckles on the heads of boys not girls.
- Ms. Dina pushes kids out of chairs.

On August 18, 2021 Compliance Inspector (CI) Gregg Gillen initiated a complaint investigation at Purpose For Life Foundation. CI Gillen interviewed Child E (7 years old) at the facility. Child E provided the following information:

- Ms. Dina is his teacher.
- Ms. Dina has flicked him on the ear before.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
All staff and volunteers of Purpose for Life Foundation must obtain one clock hour of training approved by the Office of Childhood, on age appropriate discipline. The training must be held by an approved and qualified source, outside of the Purpose For Life Foundation network. Training may be obtained from the Missouri Workshop Calendar. The training calendar can be found at http://www.moworkshopcalendar.org/ . Verification of training completion shall be from the open Initiative Toolbox report.	Yes	12/12/2022

DISPOSITION	DISPOSITION DATE
SUBSTANTIATED	6/6/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR
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