



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
4/25/2022

DVN
001280313

FACILITY NAME

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.092(1)(B)2.I.

Sitting devices such as car safety seats, strollers, swings, infant carriers, infant slings, and other sitting devices shall not be used for sleep/nap time. Infants who fall asleep anywhere other than a crib, portable crib, or playpen shall be placed in the crib or playpen for the remainder of their sleep or nap time.

5 CSR 25-500.202(2)(D)

Until infants can hold a bottle comfortably, they shall be held by a caregiver during bottle feeding. Bottles shall not be propped.

5 CSR 25-500.102(1)(E)

Caregivers shall have knowledge of the needs of children and shall be sensitive to the capabilities, interests, and problems of children in care.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On April 25, 2022, the Office of Childhood (OOC) received an allegation that on April 22, 2022, at time of pick up, Child A (5-months-old), was in her car seat with a heavy blanket and was sweating. The allegation is substantiated based on the following information.

5 CSR 25-500.102(1)(E) which states: "Caregivers shall have knowledge of the needs of children and shall be sensitive to the capabilities, interests, and problems of children in care."

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On April 26, 2022, Caregiver Leila Shelhammer stated that she had left her classroom temporarily to go on break and left Caregiver Zeria Harvey with the children. When she returned, Child A was sleeping in her car seat. Ms. Zeria was using the car seat to prop Child A's bottle up while she was feeding another children. She (Ms. Leila) did not remove Child A from the car seat and did not address the concern of propping a bottle with Ms. Zeria. Child A did have a blanket over her.

On April 27, 2022, Parent A (parent of Child A) stated that she had arrived at approximately 3 PM to pick up Child A. When she entered the classroom, she saw Child A sleeping in her car seat. Child A was covered by a blanket so that the blanket covered everything below Child A's chin. Child A was visibly sweating.

On April 27, 2022, Caregiver Zeria Harvey stated that Child A did fall asleep in her car seat. She needed to focus her attention on other children in the classroom so she placed Child A into her car seat temporarily so that she could address the other children in the room. Child A was awake prior to being placed in the car seat but slept in the car seat for approximately two minutes. She did place a blanket over Child A.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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 shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.		COMPLETED (Y/N) Yes	COMPLETED DATE 11/8/2022
CORRECTIVE MEASURE All staff members (paid employees or unpaid volunteers) must take the online training course titled, "Making a Difference: Protecting Health and Keeping Children Safe" available at https://dese.mo.gov/childhood/child-care/training-info . Verification of attendance shall be through the Toolbox report.		COMPLETED (Y/N) Yes	COMPLETED DATE 11/6/2022
DISPOSITION SUBSTANTIATED		DISPOSITION DATE 10/18/2022	
APPROVING SUPERVISOR CHRISCO, MARLA L			