



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF  
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT  
6/12/2019

DVN  
002697498

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.212 (3)(A)

All children shall be seated in a permanent seat and restrained by seat belts or child restraint devices as required by Missouri law.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The allegation is substantiated in that the school age main teacher Ms. Kaitlyn along with another teacher Tonya Powers transported two school age children in a van on Thursday June 6th without seatbelts. The children traveled from the daycare to O'Day Park in O'Fallon, IL. The reporter stated that her seven year old son told her this information on 6/11/2019. The reporter stated that the van was a seven passenger van with eight people in the van. It was reported that the two staff occupied the driver and passenger seats, two bigger kids occupied the two seats in the middle, and the four remaining kids were in the back. Two kids shared a seat in the back and these two were not seat belted in.

Transportation and Field Trips 19 CSR 30-62.212 (3)(A) All children shall be seated in a permanent seat and restrained by seat belts or child restraint devices as required by Missouri law.

On June 24, 2019, CCFS Watkins interviewed Jacinda Kirk (Director), Tonya Powers (Assistant Director) and Kaitlyn Collier (School age Teacher). Jacinda Kirk stated that she knew the children were going on a field trip. The children went to O'Day Park that is right down the street from the center. Two staff went with six children on this day. She reviewed the state law that all children shall be in seat belts. She told the parent moving forward the rest of the summer that she will make sure this does not happen again. Tonya Powers reported she was the driver for the day that this incident happened. She had four kids in the very back seat, two kids in the middle seat, herself and the teacher in the front of the van. The four children in the back were not all buckled in. She assumed they all would be buckling in. She did not count the seat belts. She became aware of this incident with the parent complaint. Kaitlyn Collier reported that she was present when this incident took place. She was in the passenger seat of the van. She actually did not know until CCFS Watkins told her that there was an issue with the children on the van. She was trying to gather everything, because she was doing a picnic at the park. She was told by Tonya that everyone was all good and they just ended up leaving. She did not know that there were six kids that were transported that day.

On June 24, 2019, CCFS Watkins observed a van that seats a total of seven passengers. It was reported that there was a total of six children and two staff on the day of the field trip. The attendance submitted on June 24 2019 shows a total of seven school age children who went on the field trip. The van could not hold a total of 8 passengers, therefore this allegation remains substantiated.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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All staff, (paid and unpaid), the director and volunteers shall review 19 CSR 30-62.212 (3)(A). A signed statement shall be submitted to SCCR to the attention of Regina Watkins indicating that all staff (paid and unpaid), the director and volunteers understand, agree and will abide by the said rules.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

9/19/2019

<b>DISPOSITION</b> SUBSTANTIATED		<b>DISPOSITION DATE</b> 9/16/2019
<b>APPROVING SUPERVISOR</b> SMITH, NANCY		