



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

DATE OF REPORT
9/6/2023

DVN
002228164

FACILITY NAME

THE LEARNING GARDEN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

515 BURKARTH RD

CITY

WARRENSBURG

ZIP CODE

64093-3103

PHONE NUMBER

(660) 747-2110

COUNTY

JOHNSON

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

MERTZ, CAYLIN

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(A)

The premises shall be safe and suitable for the care of children.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On September 6, 2023 the Office of Childhood received a report alleging "On June 8, 2023, Child A was injured when a freestanding shelf fell and hit his face." After conducting an investigation, Compliance Inspector (CI) Caylin Mertz has found this allegation to be substantiated based on the following evidence rule violations:

5 CSR 25-500.082(1)(A) which states "The premises shall be safe and suitable for the care of children."

On September 13, 2023 CI Caylin Mertz conducted an unannounced inspection. A walkthrough of the facility was conducted. Director Heather Conley indicated Child A did pull a shelf over on himself. An incident report was completed by Caregivers Regan Burns and Savannah Tracy. They no longer work at the facility. CI Mertz observed an incident report stating "Child was either climbing or pulling on shelf and it fell as bookshelf was falling it grazed his face on the way down." The report is signed by Parent A and dated June 8, 2023. CI Mertz observed the shelf that Child A pulled over on himself. It was observed unmounted to the wall at the time of inspection. The wooden shelf measures approximately two feet tall and three feet wide. The shelf was pushed back against a room divider.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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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

11/8/2023

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/7/2023

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

FOX, ROMENA