



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
9/12/2022

DVN
000206262

FACILITY NAME

LA PETITE ACADEMY, INC.

FACILITY ADDRESS

12836 TESSON FERRY RD

CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63128

PHONE NUMBER

(314) 842-3587

COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

GRAHAM, JESSICA

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1.

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

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

Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Jessica Graham investigated the allegation that on September 9, 2022, at approximately 8:50 am, Child A (3-years-old) was left unsupervised on the playground for about 45 seconds by Ms. Abbey after the class had gone back inside. The allegation is substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1. which states: "Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision."

AND

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3. which states: "Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises."

On September 21, 2022, caregiver Abbey Hulen stated that on September 9, 2022, she arrived to work at 9:00am and the class was already outside. The clipboard was outside with the class so she grabbed it and saw that there were ten children notes as present. She had the kids line up on the wall and did a face-to-name check, comparing the name of each child on the clipboard with the face of the child in line. She called their names and they said "here". Child A did say "here" when she was calling names and she saw him Child A standing against the wall. The class went inside and was being rambunctious, and instead of doing a face-to-name when she got inside, she was focused on grabbing the kids that were roaming off. She thought she had them all but Child A was still outside. Ms. Katie is in the room next to her and she looked outside the window and saw Child A run by. Ms. Katie opened the door, let Child A in, and he joined the class. It was not apparent that Child A was missing until he came back into the class.

On September 21, 2022, caregiver Katie McCracken stated that Ms. Abbey brought her class in a little after her and was washing their hands. She looked up at the window and saw a head dart past. She ran to the door, got Child A, and took him back to Ms. Abbey.

On September 21, 2022, CI Graham observed video footage of the incident with director Jessica Brewer. The following was observed:

-At 8:42:46am, Ms. Abbey was bringing her class inside. Ms. Abbey had her clipboard in her hand but did not count the children as they came in the door. Child A is in line at the time the children are walking in but the door closes in front of Child A, leaving him outside.

-At 8:44:43am, Child A is visible outside walking past the window.

-At 8:44:45am, Ms. Katie brings Child A inside.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

The facility shall notify all staff members of the violations which were

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

11/3/2022

substantiated, and specify the actions to be taken by all staff in order to comply with all violations cited. A copy of the memo, letter, or staff meeting agenda shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

10/31/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA L