



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
5/17/2021

DVN
002703033

FACILITY NAME

THE PEANUTS GANG LEARNING CENTER, INCORPORATED

FACILITY ADDRESS

551 SALT LICK RD

CITY

ST PETERS

ZIP CODE

63376-1288

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

ST CHARLES

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

SPAULDING, STEPHANIE

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.082 (1)(C)

Children shall have no access to areas not approved for child care.

19 CSR 30-62.112 (1)(A)

Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2)- years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On May 17, 2021 the Section for Child Care Regulation received an allegation that the center was under- staffed around May 13, 2021. There were 2 infants the youngest being 3 months mixed in with the school agers in the front classroom where the half a day children normally are. The reporter asked the staff member should she just take her son home and the staff member stated no they are okay. Based on interviews with staff of The Peanuts Gang Learning Center, Incorporated and observation of facility attendance on May 20, 2021 this allegation is found to be substantiated and the following rule violations are being cited.

19 CSR 30-62.082 (1)(C): Children shall have no access to areas not approved for child care.

AND

19 CSR 30-62.112 (1)(A): Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2)- years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group.

On May 17, 2021 Elizabeth Donovan stated that the facility is under staffed on May 13, 2021. She observed two infants, the youngest being 3 months old mixed in with school agers in the front classroom.

On May 20, 2021 Child Care Facility Specialist, Stephanie Spaulding observed attendance at The Peanuts Gang Learning Center, Incorporated. During the inspection, CCFS Spaulding observed 11 children 1-2 years old (2 children were 1 year old) being cared for in a two year old classroom with one caregiver and a 15 year old volunteer.

On May 20, 2021 Child Care Facility Specialist, Stephanie Spaulding discussed with board chairperson, Michael Backers and Operations Manager, Heather McGhay that children under 24 months can not be cared for outside of the infant/toddler unit. In addition, CCFS Spaulding discussed that any time children under 24 months are cared for with children 2 years old, the ratio for the group changes to one caregiver for every four children and the group size for infant/toddler children should not exceed eight (8) children. CCFS Spaulding also discussed with board chairperson, Michael Backers and operations manager, Heather McGhay that a 15 year old volunteer can not count in child/staff ratio.

On May 20, 2021 caregiver, Dillion Ganzer stated that most of the children do combine in one classroom after 5:00 pm and he is the caregiver. There are no babies, but there were two one year old children in the classroom with older children on May 18, 2021.

On May 20, 2021 caregiver, Janis Holt stated that she normally has about 12 one to two year old children with another caregiver, and that there were a couple of days that she had 14 one to two year old children in care. There used to also be 3 one year old children in her classroom and now there are only 2 one year old children. All of these children are cared for in the two year old classroom that is not part of the infant/toddler unit. The one year old children are cared for in her classroom Monday through

Friday all day long. She takes her children to a classroom with older children after she leaves at 5:00 pm.

On May 20, 2021 caregiver, Monica Fenske stated there are 12 children with two teachers. There are one year old children that come into her classroom. She works in the two year old classroom. The one year old children are in her classroom all day Monday through Friday.

On June 25, 2021 CCFS Spaulding attempted to contact caregivers, Chloe Owens, Katelyn Davis, and Laura Fredrick. A voicemail was left for a return call with Katelyn Davis and Laura Fredrick. A voicemail message could not be left for Chloe Owens. As of July 8, 2021 CCFS Spaulding has not received a return call from Katelyn Davis or Laura Fredrick.

VIOLATION(S)

19 CSR 30-62.102 (2)(A)(1)

An approved certificated group child care home provider or center director shall be responsible for planning, monitoring, and managing the facility's daily program.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On May 17, 2021 the Section for Child Care Regulation received an allegation that there is no center director at The Peanuts Gang Learning Center, Incorporated. Based on information provided to Child Care Facility Specialist, Stephanie Spaulding on May 20, 2021, this allegation is found to be substantiated and the following rule violation is being cited.

19 CSR 30-62.102 (2)(A)(1): An approved certificated group child care home provider or center director shall be responsible for planning, monitoring, and managing the facility's daily program.

On May 20, 2021 board chairperson, Michael Backers stated that they are in the process of hiring a new director. The director approval paperwork has been submitted to the Section for Child Care Regulation and are waiting on the new director approval from SCCR.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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| CORRECTIVE MEASURE | | COMPLETED (Y/N) | COMPLETED DATE |
| The provider shall create a plan that ensures children under the age of 24 months are not cared for outside of the I/T unit. The plan shall be reviewed with all staff members (paid employees and paid or unpaid volunteers) and all staff members shall sign a statement that they will adhere to the plan. A copy of the plan and the signed statements shall be provided to the Section for Child Care Regulation. | | Yes | 10/5/2021 |
| CORRECTIVE MEASURE | | COMPLETED (Y/N) | COMPLETED DATE |
| The facility shall submit all necessary paperwork to approve a center director. | | Yes | 7/8/2021 |
| DISPOSITION | | DISPOSITION DATE | |
| SUBSTANTIATED | | 7/16/2021 | |
| APPROVING SUPERVISOR | | | |
| CLARK, ANGELA | | | |