



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

**DATE OF REPORT**  
9/12/2017

**DVN**  
000651816

**FACILITY NAME**

MORNING STAR DAY CARE AND PRESCHOOL

**FACILITY ADDRESS**

113 W MT VERNON

**CITY**

NIXA

**ZIP CODE**

65714

**PHONE NUMBER**

(417) 725-1043

**COUNTY**

CHRISTIAN

**ASSIGNED SPECIALIST**

**RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)**

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RSMo 210.254.2(3)

The notice of parental responsibility shall include the following: The staff/child ratios for enrolled children under two years of age, for children ages two to four and for those five years of age and older as required by the department of health and senior services regulations in licensed facilities, the standard ratio of staff to number of children for each age level maintained in the exempt facility, and the total number of children to be enrolled by the facility.

**CONCLUSION SUMMARY**

The Section for Child Care Regulation determined the Notice of Parental Responsibility (NPR) for ratio was violated on September 18, 2017 during an unannounced inspection at the facility. CCFS Dickens observed the ratio to be two (2) caregivers with twelve (12) one-year-old children violating the NPR of one (10 to four (4). In addition, CCFS Dickens found the group size for the one-year-old children was also violated as twelve (12) children age one were combined, exceeding the eight (8) infant/toddlers allowable in a group. CCFS Dickens observed attendance records for the facility and documented the allegation of the report to be true that the facility ratio was in violation of the NPR on September 12, 2017. The Director was interviewed and reported the facility ratio was incorrect on Tuesday September 12, 2017.

**CORRECTIVE MEASURES**

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The facility shall submit a new Notice of Parental Responsibility (NPR) reflecting current staff/child ratios, or submit a statement they will follow their current NPR.

**COMPLETED (Y/N)**

Yes

**COMPLETED DATE**

2/7/2018

**DISPOSITION**

SUBSTANTIATED

**DISPOSITION DATE**

10/16/2017

**APPROVING SUPERVISOR**

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