



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

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
6/17/2021

DVN
002209336

FACILITY NAME

PRECIOUS DAYS LEARNING ACADEMY INC

FACILITY ADDRESS

8119 AIRPORT RD

CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63134

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

CHRISCO, MARLA

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.082 (6)(A)(1)

A fenced outdoor play area shall be available on or adjoining the day care property . The play area shall be located so it is convenient and the children can gain access to it without hazard. For facilities initially licensed after the effective date of these rules or for the installation of new fences in existing facilities, the fence shall be at least fortytwo inches (42") high. An outdoor play area used exclusively for school-age children shall not be required to have a fence. Fences shall be constructed to prevent children from crawling or falling through or becoming entrapped.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The allegation that the facility's wooden playground fence was ran into by a vehicle and a portion of the fence panel is down, is substantiated. The following rule was violated:

19 CSR 30-62.082 (6)(A)(1) A fenced outdoor play area shall be available on or adjoining the day care property . The play area shall be located so it is convenient and the children can gain access to it without hazard. For facilities initially licensed after the effective date of these rules or for the installation of new fences in existing facilities , the fence shall be at least forty-two inches (42") high. An outdoor play area used exclusively for school-age children shall not be required to have a fence. Fences shall be constructed to prevent children from crawling or falling through or becoming entrapped.

On July 07, 2021, CCFS Marla Chrisco conducted an interview with facility director, Francine Mitchell. Ms. Francine stated that on March 25, 2021 at 10:55 p.m., a car ran into the fence in two places knocking it down and also ran into the side of the house next door to the daycare. She is working with the insurance company to get the money to repair the fence. No one was at the daycare when the incident occurred. Since the fence was knocked down, they have been using the other fenced playground and the infant and toddlers have been going outside at different times than the two and three year old children . Ms. Francine will send pictures when the fence is repaired.

On July 01, 2021, CCFS Marla Chrisco observed the playground to the left side of the front of the daycare building. The fence had two gaps measuring 8 feet 3 inches and 13 feet 4 inches wide. Part of the concrete barrier was also missing in front of the fence next to the facility's parking lot. CCFS Chrisco also observed the police report from the Berkeley Police Department which stated that on March 25, 2021 at 9:55 p.m. a 2001 black Ford Explorer crossed over four lanes of Airport Road and ran into the facility's fenced outdoor playground damaging two sides of the fence and then running into the side of the house next to the daycare facility. No one was at the daycare facility when this occurred.

On July 01, 2021, CCFS Chrisco also observed the facility's fenced playground on the right side of the building that all the children have been using for outside time since the incident occurred. CCFS Chrisco measured the playground and it measured for 40 feet 4 inches by 32 feet 0 inches and can hold a capacity of 17 children at one time which is more than one third of their total capacity of 37 children.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall submit documentation to SCCR showing that the fence to the outdoor playground has been repaired and has no gaps anywhere on the fence that are greater than 3 and a half inches (3 1/2") wide, and that the barrier to the

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

7/30/2021

fence facing the facility's parking lot is repaired.

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

8/18/2021

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CLARK, ANGELA