



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

DATE OF REPORT
9/27/2019

DVN
002170609

FACILITY NAME

MESSIAH LIGHTHOUSE CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

SPRINGFIELD

ZIP CODE

65807-3037

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COUNTY

GREENE

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(1)

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

19 CSR 30-62.182 (1)(A)(3)

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

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

The Section for Child Care Regulation (SCCR) determined the facility violated this licensing rule on September 25, 2019 based on interviews with the facility director, Aimee Mason, assistant director, Jeni Rousey, caregivers Grace Werdeman, Daley Powers, and Brittany Dierks, and Child A's mother, and another parent, and by direct observation of video footage from the date of the incident. Video footage shows Child A leaving the daycare playground and running to the community playground, however because the video footage is in two clips, the time the child was unobserved by caregivers cannot be determined. Video footage shows that it took sixteen seconds or Child A to exit the daycare playground and enter the community playground where another parent was present. The parent informed caregivers Child A was present, and a caregiver walked to the community playground and carried Child A back to the daycare playground. Caregiver, Grace Werdeman, stated she stopped Child A two or three times from leaving the playground earlier, and she "didn't know what was happening because she was working on an incident report." Caregivers did not have frequent, direct contact with Child A, as he was able to open the gate and run to the adjacent playground where another parent notified caregivers he was there. In addition, caregivers reported Child A had attempted to leave the designated play area prior to being successful. Caregivers failed to recognize this as a red flag and did not ensure the gate was secure or Child A properly supervised following his initial attempts to leave.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The director and all caregivers shall obtain a minimum of two clock hours of training regarding the supervision of children. The training must be obtained from an approved source and include outdoor transitions.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

2/7/2020

CORRECTIVE MEASURE

All caregivers shall review 19 CSR 30-62.182 (1) (A) (3) and shall submit in writing their understanding of this rule.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

12/10/2019

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/22/2019

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

WHITE, LEAH