



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

**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

DATE OF REPORT
7/30/2018

DVN
002544189

FACILITY NAME

HATTIE'S LITTLE SCHOLARS ACADEMY, LLC

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

POPLAR BLUFF

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ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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19 CSR 30-62.132 (5)(B)

The infant/toddler unit shall not care for children older than two (2) years unless the total number of children in attendance at the time is four (4) or fewer.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

This allegation is substantiated. On July 27, 2018, Debra Tidwell, CACFP Food Program observed 2 preschool age children in the infant/toddler room. When asked why the older children were in that room, Sureeka Moore, Director told Debra that the children should not be in the infant/toddler room, but were in there to wash their hands. Sureeka did not give a reason as to why they were washing their hands in that room, and Debra did not ask. The children were instructed to leave the room and return to their classroom. On August 6, 2018, Debra Tidwell confirmed that when she saw the children in the infant/toddler unit they were not washing their hands, but standing there talking to the caregiver in the infant/toddler room.

On August 2, 2018, Sureeka Moore, Director, confirmed that 2 children were in the infant/toddler unit on July 27, 2018 because the toilet in their preschool classroom had overflowed and the children needed to wash their hands. She sent the children to the infant/toddler room to wash their hands; however, Child Care Supervisor Missy Smith observed that the handwashing sink for the preschool bathroom that was broken is located outside the bathroom. There is a second handwashing sink that is located outside of the preschool classroom in the hallway that was not utilized either. There is a third handwashing sink located in the kitchen that could have been utilized as well if a caregiver would have remained with the child(ren). There were 3 available approved sinks that the preschool children should have used instead of the infant/toddler room sink.

Children older than 2 years should not be in the infant/toddler unit.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

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The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding preschool children entering the infant/toddler unit. The facility must provide the Section for Child Care Regulation with a statement, signed by all staff (paid employees or unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

10/6/2018

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

9/20/2018

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

SMITH, MELISSA JILL