



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

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

DATE OF REPORT

8/30/2022

DVN

002650180

FACILITY NAME

LITTLE SUNSHINE'S PLAYHOUSE & PRESCHOOL

FACILITY ADDRESS

8351 DELCREST DR

CITY

ST LOUIS

ZIP CODE

63124-2102

PHONE NUMBER

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COUNTY

ST LOUIS

ASSIGNED SPECIALIST

HUDSON, ELIZABETH

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

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5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1.

Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3.

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

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

Compliance Inspector (CI) Liz Hudson conducted an investigation of the allegation that on August 29, 2022, Child A (2-years-old) was left outdoors for 5-10 minutes. The allegation was substantiated based on the following information:

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)1., which states the following: "Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision."
AND

5 CSR 25-500.182(1)(A)3., which states the following: "Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises."

On August 31, 2022, director Candace Rascher stated that Child A was left outside on the playground at the end of the day for approximately 5 to 7 minutes. It was reported to her that a name-to-face was completed when the children were lined up at the door to go inside and that all children were accounted for, however a name-to-face was not completed once the children were back inside and in the classroom. Parent A arrived to pick up Child A who is usually waiting in the foyer area. Parent A informed staff at the front desk that Child A was unable to be located. Front desk receptionist Daniel Plump looked at the cameras and noticed that Child A was still on the playground. Child A was immediately retrieved by Mr. Plump and brought to Parent A.

On August 31, 2022, caregiver Katelyn Markham stated that on August 29, 2022, at the end of the day, she and Ms. Jasmond were outside for approximately 30 minutes with six children. They all went back inside at approximately 4:45pm and a name-to-face check was completed as the children were lining up to go inside. She thought that Ms. Jasmond had completed the name-to-face check once inside but that must not have happened. When the group was back inside, she took three children up front who were following her to grab something. Ms. Jasmond then brought up the two children that were left with her in the classroom and clocked out at 4:50pm to leave. She went to the classroom, alone, to clean up and prepare to leave but then Mr. Plump cut through her classroom quickly, opened the door to the playground and hollered for Child A who came down from the treehouse and went inside. Mr. Plump brought Child A to Parent A and notified the director.

On August 31, 2022, caregiver Jasmond Taylor stated that she worked late the night that Child A was left outside and thought Ms. Katelyn had completed the name-to-face check during the final transition inside.

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 supervision. The facility must provide the Child Care Compliance Section with a statement, signed by all staff members (paid employees and paid/unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.

COMPLETED (Y/N)

Yes

COMPLETED DATE

9/30/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

11/2/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

CHRISCO, MARLA L