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June 14, 2013

Spirit & Truth Preschool and Daycare
Attention: Vanessa D'sa, Director
8727 Dunn Road
Hazelwood, Missouri 63042

Dear Vanessa D'sa,

As you are aware, the Section for Child Care Regulation (SCCR) received a complaint alleging rule violation(s) at your facility on June 6, 2013. The allegation(s), the details of the investigation, the substantiated rule violations(s), and correction(s) for compliance with license-exempt rules are included on the enclosed Substantiated Complaint BCC-50 form.

Substantiated allegations are placed in the facility's public license-exempt record retained in the SCCR district office. You may reply to this report in writing. If you choose to reply, your response will be filed with the report in the facility's licensing record. We welcome any questions at 220 South Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri 63103, 314-877-0223.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Debbie Ashlock'.

Debbie Ashlock
Child Care Facility Specialist

Enclosure

CC: Pastor Mark Barnaby

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MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES
SECTION FOR CHILD CARE REGULATION

**SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINT
OF STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS**

DATE OF REPORT
6-6-2013

FACILITY TYPE
 HOME
 GROUP HOME/CENTER
 INSPECTED
 UNLICENSED MORE THAN FOUR

FACILITY NAME
Spirit & Truth Preschool and Daycare

FACILITY NUMBER
001764612

STREET ADDRESS
8727 Dunn Road

CITY
Hazelwood

ZIP CODE
63042

PHONE
314-830-2803

FACILITY COUNTY
St. Louis County

REPORTER: NAMED
 WITHHELD BY REQUEST
 ANONYMOUS

REPORT MADE: IN PERSON
 PHONE
 WRITTEN

REPORTER NAME
Lisa Finley

REPORTER PHONE
314-605-0618

REPORTER ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)

RECEIVED BY
Nancy Smith

ASSIGNED TO
Debbie Ashlock

SUPERVISOR
Nancy Scherer

ALLEGATION(S) OF STATUTE/RULE(S) VIOLATION(S) Attach pages as needed

See attached

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION Attach pages as needed

See attached

DISPOSITION: SUBSTANTIATED List statute number or rule number(s) of substantiated violation(s).

See attached

REQUIRED CORRECTIONS AND DEADLINES Attach pages as needed

See attached

DISPOSITION DATE 6/14/13	CHILD CARE SPECIALIST SIGNATURE <i>Debbie Ashlock</i>	DATE 6/13/13	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE <i>Nancy Scherer</i>	DATE 6/14/13
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Spirit and Truth Preschool and Daycare
DVN# 001764612
8727 Dunn Road
Hazelwood, Missouri 63042

Allegation(s) :

Today (6/6/2013) at 1 pm, Child A, 6 years old, and Child B, 8 years old, each had to take their medication. Staff Lisa White had both pills in one hand. She held her hand out and each child picked their own pill and they picked and ingested the wrong ones.

Summary of investigation (Ashlock):

On June 7, 2013, Debbie Ashlock, Child Care Facility Specialist, met with Parent A, the parent of Child A and Child B. Parent A stated that on June 6, 2013 she got a telephone call from Vinessa D'sa, Director of Spirit and Truth Preschool and Daycare, at approximately 3:49 pm. Vanessa D'sa stated that Child A and Child B were given the wrong medication. Parent A stated she got off the phone and called her doctor's office. She had to leave a message. She stated she then called poison control. They gave her instructions for what to watch for, ie: any adverse reactions such as nausea, diarrhea, throwing up or lethargic. Parent A called the center back to give them this information. She spoke with the director. The children were getting ready to go on a field trip to the library and the director asked Parent A if she wanted Child A and Child B to go on the field trip. Parent A told the director to go ahead and send them. Around 3:00 pm Parent A stated she got a phone call from the facility director saying Child B said her stomach hurt. Parent A told them to give her something to eat and drink. She picked Child A and Child B up at 4:22 pm according to the sign in/out sheet.

On June 7, 2013, Debbie Ashlock, CCFS, spoke with Child A, 6 years old. Child A stated he went on a field trip to the library yesterday. Child A stated he was given the wrong medication by Lisa, staff person. He said Lisa handed the medication to him and he took it and had a cup of water. Lisa then gave Child B her medication. Both the pills were in Lisa's hand. Child A said he then went outside and played. Child A stated he felt good yesterday.

On June 7, 2013, Debbie Ashlock, CCFS, spoke with Child B, 8 years old. She stated that Lisa handed her a pill and a cup of water. She stated she looked at it and took the pill. She overheard Lisa say out loud "I just gave Child A and Child B the wrong medication". Lisa went and told Vanessa D'sa what had happened. Child B stated she then went outside to play and then went on a field trip to the library. Child B stated her stomach started hurting after they got back from the field trip. She said that Vanessa D'sa gave her a snack and drink. She felt better after that.

On June 7, 2013, Debbie Ashlock, CCFS, spoke with Pastor Mark Barnaby. He stated he was not at the facility when the incident occurred.

On June 7, 2013, Debbie Ashlock, CCFS, spoke with Lisa Wright, staff person. She stated she works with all the children and sometimes does the cooking. She stated she returned from her lunch break around 1:00 pm on June 6, 2013 and asked Melody Prewett, Child A and Child B's caregiver, if they had gotten their medicine. Melody said, "No". Lisa stated she called Child A and Child B from outside to come in. Child A and Child B sat on the bench outside the kitchen. Lisa stated she obtained the medication from the box on the shelf in the kitchen and washed her hands. She stated she then put both pills in her hand and she got 2 cups of water for them. She stated she handed Child A a pill and he took it. She stated she then gave Child B her pill and Child B looked at it then took it. Lisa stated she realized that she handed Child A and Child B each the wrong pill. She stated she immediately went to Vanessa D'sa and told her what happened. Vanessa D'sa called Parent A. They waited for Parent A to call back. Parent A said to watch for certain symptoms but she allowed the children to go on the field trip. Lisa stated they watched the children closely while they were on the field trip. When they returned from the field trip, Child B was complaining that her stomach hurt. They gave Child B a snack.

On June 7, 2013, Debbie Ashlock, CCFS, spoke with Melody Prewett, staff person. She stated she works with the younger children. She stated she was in the kitchen when Lisa was clocking in. Lisa asked Melody if Child A and Child B got their medication. Melody said, "No." Melody stated that she didn't see Lisa give Child A and Child B the medicine but Lisa told her afterwards that she gave Child A and Child B the wrong medication. Melody told Lisa she needed to tell Venessa D'sa, director, what had happened.

On June 12, 2013, the Section for Child Care Regulation received an email from Pastor Mark Barnaby stating that a new procedure is now in place. The email stated:

The following procedure has been reinforced:

- a) Medicine Administration Form will be Filled Out completely by parent for any/all medicine to be administered
- b) Staff responsible for that particular age group is to administer medicine.
- c) In absence of staff, the director will administer medicine
- d) Have child sit on bench. If multiple children need medication call child one at a time administer and dismiss – DO NOT HAVE CHILDREN CLUSTER IN FRONT OF YOU
- e) Wear gloves – avoid touching medicine and bodily fluids
- f) Check bottle and reconfirm name and dosage before administering medicine to child
- g) If capsule/tablet - medicine is to be poured out in cap and child administered the exact amount required. Child is to pick up medicine and swallow. Child may use water faucet or pour out a cup of water for each child individually.
- h) If inhaler – check on number of puffs before administering medication
- i) Dismiss the child after medication has been administered
- j) Fill out Medicine Administration Form and log in time and initial
- k) If at all possible – prefer parent to give at drop off or pick up

Statute/Rules violated:

19 CSR 30-60.060 (10) (A) which states, "All medication shall be given to a child only with dated, written permission of a parent, stating the length of time the medication shall be given."

This rule violation is based on interviews with Parent A, Child A, Child B, Lisa Wright, and Melody Prewett. According to statements, on June 6, 2013, Lisa Wright, facility staff, gave Child A medication that was intended for Child B, and she gave Child B medication that was intended for Child A.

Corrections:

1. On June 12, 2013, Spirit and Truth Preschool and Daycare submitted information stating that the facility's medication procedure had been reinforced.
2. Spirit and Truth Preschool and Daycare shall conduct a staff meeting to discuss the above rule violation and the facility's procedure on administering medication. Each staff person shall sign a statement that they have attended the meeting. A copy of the signed statement shall be submitted to the Section for Child Care Regulation by July 1, 2013.

Verification of corrections will be filed in the public record as they occur and/or are verified.