MISSOURI DEPAR .NT OF HEALTH & SENIOR SERVICES
SECTION FOR CHILD CARE REGULATION

SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINT OF STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

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7/15/14

FACILITY TYPE
- ☐ HOME
- ☒ GROUP HOME/CENTER
- ☐ INSPECTED
- ☐ UNLICENSED MORE THAN FOUR

FACILITY NAME	FACILITY NUMBER
Aarins Infants & Children Enrichment Center LLC	002154976

STREET ADDRESS
10136 W. Florissant

CITY	ZIP CODE	PHONE	FACILITY COUNTY
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REPORTER:
- ☒ NAMED
- ☐ WITHHELD BY REQUEST
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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION Attach pages as needed.

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

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REQUIRED CORRECTIONS AND DEADLINES Attach pages as needed.

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DISPOSITION DATE	CHILD CARE SPECIALIST SIGNATURE	DATE	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE	DATE
9-18-14		9/11/14		9-18-14

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DISPOSITION (Stephanie Barnes) September 11, 2014

ALLEGATIONS:

The Section of Child Care Regulation (SCCR) received a named complaint from Child Care Facility Specialist (CCFS), Stephanie Barnes, on July 15, 2014, alleging that a sleeping child was left on a cot in the toddler room, from approximately 8:15am until 8:45am on July 15, 2014, without adult supervision. CCFS Barnes stated that she observed the child sleeping in the toddler room while she was at Aarins Infants & Children Enrichment Center LLC while she was conducting an inspection at the facility.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION:

Child Care Facility Specialist (CCFS), Stephanie Barnes, made an announced, investigation to Aarins Infants & Children Enrichment Center LLC at 8:35am. on July 15, 2014. The director, Ms. Adrienne Pennington, was not present upon CCFS Barnes' arrival, but came to the center at approximately 9:00am. Prior to Ms. Pennington's arrival, CCFS Barnes observed Child A (an eleven (11) year old boy) walk into the toddler room at 8:45am. Child A had left his classroom on the lower level of the facility and walked, upstairs, without any adult supervision. CCFS Barnes followed Child A into the toddler room and watched as he woke up Child B (a six (6) year old girl) who was sleeping on a cot, which was located in the older side of the toddler room (the east side of the room). CCFS Barnes discussed her observation with Ms. Pennington and Ms. Pennington agreed to submit a CD-R to the SCCR for review of the time Child B was left unsupervised. Ms. Pennington informed CCFS Barnes that the staff use the toddler room as "community classroom" where the two (2) year olds and older children go into as they arrive in the morning until 8:00am when additional staff arrive-at that point the staff take the children outside or downstairs to their classrooms. Ms. Pennington stated that there are never any infants or toddlers in the community classroom when older children are present.

CCFS Barnes interviewed Ms. Cynthia Smith. Ms. Smith stated that she came in to the center at 7:30am on July 15, 2014. Ms. Smith said that Ms. Gabby had the school-agers. Ms. Smith informed CCFS Barnes that all of the children were on the younger side of the toddler room (the west side of the room). Ms. Gabby stated that the half (1/2) door between the two (2) sides was closed. Ms. Smith told CCFS Barnes that Child B was on the older toddler side, but she said she didn't see her.

CCFS Barnes interviewed Ms. Gabrielle Johnson. Ms. Johnson informed CCFS Barnes that she arrived at the center at 7:00am on July 15, 2014. Ms. Johnson told CCFS Barnes that Ms. Alexus was in the toddler room with eight (8) children, including: one (1) one (1) year old, three (3) two (2) year olds, and four (4) preschool and school-age children. Ms. Johnson said that Child B was asleep when Ms. Johnson arrived at 7:00am; Ms. Johnson said that she saw a girl with a white shirt on, sleeping on a cot; Ms. Johnson thought the girl was Child B. Ms. Johnson went on to say that Ms. Alexus was in the infant room with the door open so that she could see into the toddler room.

Ms. Johnson said that Ms. Smith and she took the two (2) year olds and old children outside at 7:30am. Ms. Johnson told CCFS Barnes that she had seen Child B's brother later, after everyone had come inside and went downstairs, and that is when she realized that Child B was upstairs sleeping. Ms. Johnson asked Child A to go upstairs and wake Child B and bring her downstairs at 8:45am.
Ms. Johnson also informed CCFS Barnes that Child C (a one (1) year old boy) is in the two (2) year old classroom on the lower level and that he had gone outside with the group at 7:30am on July 15, 2014.

CCFS Barnes interviewed Ms. Alexus Russell. Ms. Russell informed CCFS Barnes that she was not aware that Child B didn't go with the other children outside on July 15, 2014. Ms. Russell said that Child B came in at 7:00am on July 15, 2014 and told Ms. Russell that she wanted to lie down so Ms. Russell put Child B on a cot on the older toddler side of the room by herself. Ms. Russell said that she was on the younger side of the toddler room when Ms. Johnson came in. Ms. Russell said that she told Ms. Johnson that Child B was sleeping on the other side of the room. Ms. Russell informed CCFS Barnes that Ms. Johnson arrived between 7:10am and 7:15am on July 15, 2014 and then Ms. Smith came in at 7:30am. Ms. Russell said that Ms. Smith and Ms. Johnson were on one (1) side of the room and Child B was sleeping on a cot on the other side of the room when Ms. Russell took her children into the baby room. Ms. Russell said that Ms. Smith and Ms. Johnson took about ten (10) children outside around 7:30am, but they didn't tell Ms. Russell they were leaving Child B inside.

CCFS Barnes interviewed Child D (an eight (8) year old girl). Child D told CCFS Barnes that Ms. Gabby, Ms. Alexus, and Ms. Cynthia are at the center early in the morning. Child D said that there are children of all ages in the toddler room in the morning, including, Child C and Child E (a one (1) year old girl). Child D said that if you want to go to sleep they (the teachers) put the cots over there (the older toddler side of the room) by themselves. Child D said that the teachers check to make sure that they are sleeping and not playing. Child D said that she went downstairs on July 15, 2014, because she came late, but you can stay upstairs and sleep, but there's nobody up there with them, but the cameras are here (she pointed to the mounted camera in the classroom). Child D said that the teachers will send the kids upstairs to wake the sleeping kids.

CCFS Barnes interviewed Child A. Child A said that he comes up to get the kids too. Child A also said that sometimes they (the teachers) leave here (the community classroom) and go outside before breakfast. If the kids are still sleeping they get to stay inside until breakfast and the teacher (Ms. Russell or Ms. Ellis) would watch them. CCFS Barnes asked Child A if he ever did anything else to help the teachers and he said that he sometimes goes upstairs to the kitchen to get something. CCFS Barnes asked Child A if he ever saw any infants or toddlers downstairs and Child A said that Child C sometimes eats breakfast with the two (2) year olds in the morning.

CCFS Barnes interviewed Child F (an eleven (11) year old girl). Child F said that she usually gets to the center around 6:00am or 6:30am and sometimes they get tired and they get to sleep over there (she pointed to the older toddler side of the room). Child F said that Ms. Russell takes the babies to their room after Ms. Johnson or Ms. Ellis come in. Child F said that Ms. Russell usually has three (3) or four (4) babies and when CCFS Barnes asked Child F how many children, total, were in the toddler room with the babies, Child F said more than four (4). Child F said that when Ms. Russell takes her

babies into the baby room the other kids go outside or downstairs. When CCFS Barnes asked Child F if there are ever any children left sleeping in the room when the rest of the children and teachers leave, Child F said that sometimes there are and Ms. Russell or Ms. Ellis watch the sleeping children from between the infant room and toddler room. Child F said that Ms. Russell or some other kids or she will wake the kids when it's time for breakfast. Child F said that her brother, Child A, or she will wake the kids because they are the oldest kids.

CCFS Barnes interviewed Ms. Gwendolyn Ellis. Ms. Ellis stated that she had only seen one (1) child sleeping in the toddler room once before. Ms. Ellis said that when she came in she saw a child sleeping on one (1) side of the room and Ms. Russell on the other side of the toddler room with the rest of the children. CCFS Barnes asked Ms. Ellis if any of the toddlers were cared for on the lower level and Ms. Ellis told CCFS Barnes that Child C came upstairs to the baby room at 12:00pm to take his nap. Ms. Ellis said she assumed Child C had had lunch downstairs on July 15, 2014.

CCFS Barnes reviewed the CD-R that Ms. Pennington submitted to the SCCR office on July 28, 2014. CCFS Barnes observed:

- At 8:12am on July 15, 2014, one (1) teacher walked out of the toddler classroom while another teacher stood at the toddler door.
- At 8:14am on July 15, 2014, twenty-three (23) children followed the teacher who was standing at the toddler door, down the hall.
- At 8:43am on July 15, 2014, Child A walked into the toddler room with CCFS Barnes following him into the room.

RULE/STATUTE VIOLATIONS:

19CSR30-62.182 Child Care Program (1) Care of the Child. 1. Caregivers shall not leave any child without competent adult supervision.

This licensing rule violation is based on observations, interviews and review of the CD-R provided by Ms. Adrienne Pennington and sent to SCCR. CCFS *Barnes observes Child B (a six (6) year old girl) was left sleeping on a cot in the older side of the toddler room without adult supervision. CCFS Barnes determined that Child B was without adult supervision from 8:14am until 8:43am*

19CSR30-62.182 Child Care Program (1) Care of the Child. 3. Caregivers shall provide frequent, direct contact so children are not left unobserved on the premises.

CCFS Barnes determined that the staff did not provide frequent, direct contact with Child A or B on July 15, 2014 based on the statements of the staff and children interviewed by CCFS Barnes on July 15, 2014 and the information gained from the CD-R submitted by Adrienne Pennington on July 28, 14.

19CSR30-62.112 Staff/Child Ratios (1) The following staff/child ratios shall be maintained on the premises at all times. (A) Birth Through Two (2) Years. Groups composed of mixed ages through two (2)-years shall have no less than one (1) adult to four (4) children, with no more than eight (8) children in a group.

This licensing rule violation is based on observations of CCFS Barnes who saw Child D with twenty-two (22) other children and two (2) staff walk out of the toddler room at 8:14am on July 15, 2014. And when, Ms. Johnson told CCFS Barnes that Ms. Alexus was in the toddler room with eight (8) children, including: one (1) one (1) year old, three (3) two (2) year olds, and four (4) preschool and school-age children, no other staff was present with Ms. Johnson. And when, Ms. Ellis told CCFS Barnes that Child C came upstairs to the baby room at 12:00pm to take his nap.

19CSR30-62.112 Staff/Child Ratios (1) The following staff/child ratios shall be maintained on the premises at all times. (E) Mixed Age Groups Two Years (2) and Up. Groups composed of mixed ages of children two (2) years of age and older shall have no less than one (1) adult to ten (10) children with a maximum of four (4) two (2) year olds.

CCFS Barnes observed twenty-three (23) children, ages one (1) year and older, leave the toddler room with two (2) staff at 8:14am on July 15, 2014.

19CSR30-62.182 Child Care Program (1) Care of the Child. 5. A caregiver shall remain in the room with preschool and school-age children while they are napping or sleeping and shall be able to see and hear them if they have difficulty during napping or when they awaken.

Child B was in a room sleeping without sight and sound from a caregiver.

CORRRECTIONS

- Staff/child ratios must be maintained throughout the licensed childcare space.
- Napping or sleeping children must not be left unsupervised and without sight and sound from a caregiver.
- Infants and toddlers only are to be in the infant/toddler unit.
- An additional follow up inspection will be made.

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