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**DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES** 



March 23, 2018

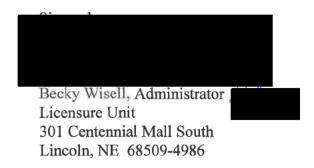
WESTSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD –
PADDOCK ROAD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
The Westside Community Schools Foundation, Inc., Owner
Stephanie A. Cutler, Director
3535 Paddock Road
Omaha, NE 68124

Dear Ms. Cutler:

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cc: Children's Services Licensing

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# State of Nebraska

Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health

## THE WESTSIDE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION INC

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whose status is Active-Corrective Action Status effective from 03/13/2018 Amended: 03/23/2018

Given under the name and Seal of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure of the State of Nebraska at Lincoln on March 23, 2018.



Thomas L. Williams, MD Chief Medical C Director, Division of Public Health Department of Health and Human Services

## NEBRASKA

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Pete Ricketts, Governor

March 19, 2018

CERTIFIED MAIL

Westside Community Schools Foundation Westside Early Childhood-Paddock Road Early Childhood Center owned by Westside Community Schools Foundation 3535 Paddock Road Omaha, NE 68124

Dear Ms. Cutler:

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Children's Services Licensing received your Plan of Correction. The attached corrective action plan has been reviewed and approved effective 3-13-2018.

A new license, identified with 'Corrective Action Status' will be mailed to your facility. The new license is to be posted in a prominent location. The license status will be effect for a period from the date of approval, 3-13-2018 to 9-13-2018.

Compliance with the terms of the Corrective Action Status will be monitored by announced and unannounced inspections to your facility by Child Care Licensing Staff. Any violation may be grounds for discipline as the Office of Children's Services Licensing program may determine appropriate.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Lori Anderjaska, Child Care Inspection Specialist at 402-595-3856 or me at 402-595-3335.

Sincerely

Jo Pfeiffer, Child Care Licensing Supervisor Children's Services Licensing Nebraska State Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 1313 Farnam St. Omaha, NE 68102

cc: Dawn Kozak, Child Care Licensing Specialist Lori Anderjaska, Child Care Licensing Specialist Gina Ewing, Staff Assistant Resource Development, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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Plan of Correction for Paddock Road incident from October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

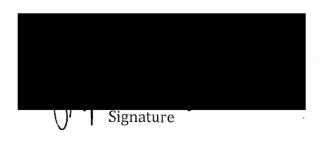
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- 2. Provisions for how you will correct and maintain compliance: The child was placed on a Behavior Intervention Plan, review and maintain the Revised Transitioning and Supervision Procedures, we will continue to use our Transition sheets to track and count students for EVERY transition. (Please see attached documents)
- 3. Specify the written documentation to be provided to the Department: copies of the Behavior Intervention Plan, Revised Transitioning and Supervision Procedures, transition sheets
- 4. Identify who is responsible (include position titles) for corrections and maintenance of compliance: **Stephanie Cutler**, **Site Director**
- 5. Timelines: effective immediately



2/20/18 Date

#### Behavior Intervention Plan:

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Date: 10/31/2017

Child's Name: Adrian Schremser

D.O.B.: 4/5/2010

Guardian's Names: Natalie Schremser, Roman Schremser

Classroom: Club 66

#### Prior Communication:

 Adrian left the building and school grounds and went home, during a transition from the gym to the classroom, during Club on 10/30/2017

#### Target Behavior:

Primary-staying with the assigned group at all times to prevent a safety or supervision concern.

#### Staff support:

- · Staff will support Adrian by :
  - we will remind him each day the importance of staying with the group and making sure he gets permission from a teacher to leave an area (classroom, gym, playground)
  - personally walk him to and from the gym and classroom locations in the building, as well as outdoors, weather permitting.
  - · He will be placed in the front of the line or next to a teacher, for each and every transition.

#### Outcome:

As a result of the documented behavior previously reported, Adrian is being placed on a Behavior Improvement Plan as follows:

#### What is expected:

Adrian is expected to use staff prompts and supports to prevent leaving the building or playground. He will be personally escorted to and from each location. If Adrian leaves the building or playground, he will be dis-enrolled from the Early Childhood/Club 66 Program.

#### Parent's Tips for Connecting

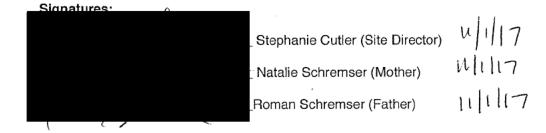
Parents will work on reinforcing WECC's policies and procedures for making sure that their children remain with the staff in our care, until a parent arrives to the location of the children and signs them out.

Parents will promote safety procedures with walking to and from home and school together each day.

#### Plan for Collaborating with Parents:

Club staff will implement a point card at school for successes in remaining in Club care until signed out by the parent picking up.

Adrian and siblings will not be released from Club care to the parent(s) until they are signed out.



#### REVISED TRANSITIONING AND SUPERVISION PROCEDURES:

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-We will continue to use our transition sheets and be sure that we are marking the children for EVERY transition that takes place every day.

\*The transition sheets state the reminder that: "Children may never be left unattended or unsupervised at any time (this includes exiting the classroom to access the hallway, exiting the classroom to access the playground, exiting the classroom to go to the gym, entering the building from the playground, etc...)"

- -Teachers will continue to communicate via walkie talkies to be sure that we know where all children and staff are at all times
- -When transitioning students, the teachers will walk the children to the destination that they are going.
- -We will remind all students that they are to stay in the classroom, gym, or playground until they ask a teacher permission to go elsewhere.
- -When split into groups, the children will be allowed to transition from the classroom to the gym and vice versa, in groups, accompanied by a teacher.
- -Child(ren) will not be released until the parent has come to the location of the child and signed them out.



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	Surfaces around playground equipment have 9 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand or pea gravel
	There is no dangerous hardware, like open "S" hooks, protruding bolt ends or sharp edges
	No tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, rocks
	No trash or hazardous materials such as broken glass, cans, or metal pieces
	Steps on climbers are in good condition and handrails are secure
	Swing seats are not worn & do not have metal parts exposed
	Moving equipment rotates smoothly
	wood equipment is free from splinters
	Plastic equipment is free from crack or holes
	Metal equipment is free from rust
	Equipment is free from head entrapments or noticeable gaps
	Play area is free from graffiti
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February 13, 2018

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## INSPECTION COMPLIANCE REVIEW

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health Licensure Unit



TO BE CO	MPLETED BY	CHILD CARE INSPECTION	SPECIALIST							
Facility Name and Physical Address	Licensee CCC7564 Foundation	The Westside Community Schools	Time of Visit NA							
Westside Early Childhood - Paddock Road Early Childhood Center owned by the Westside Community Schools Foundatior 3535 Paddock Road Omaha, NE 68124	Telephone 402-697-48		Date of Visit NA							
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Cutler reported on 10-30-2017, a 7 year old male, who is in second grade, left the school and walked to his home. Child care staff were unaware that he had left the building until the child's parent came to the center. Parent stated they were at home when the child arrived. The parent took his other two children home for the day.

Cutler provided a written narrative of the events. She stated a total of 47 children were in care. Twenty three (23) were in the gym and fourteen (14) were in the Club 66 classroom. Two teachers were in each area as well. Cutler was one of the teachers in the Club 66 Classroom. Cutler reported at approximately 4:25 p.m. staff from the gym used a walkietalkie to communicate with Cutler that three students were coming up to the Club 66 classroom from the gym. One of those students was the 7 year old male. Cutler walked to the door of her classroom to wait for the students. The gym staff member, Katy Salinas, walked the children up the steps to the level the classroom is on and stood at the top of the steps to view the children walking to the classroom. When Salinas saw the children get to the Club 66 room, she returned to the gym. Cutler states she viewed the children and was ready to greet them she was approached by a parent picking up her children. The parent asked Cutler a question. Cutler answered the question and assisted the parent. When she was done answering the question, within approximately 5 minutes, the parent of the 7 year old arrived at the school and reported the child was at home and was safe.

Cutler stated during the previous school year the boy named in this incident had been placed on a Behavior Intervention Plan because he would often run away from his group. The plan was only good for the previous school year and did not carry over to the current year as plans are written for the school year in which the behavior occurs. The child had never run home in 2016. Cutler stated in May of 2016 the child would try to run from the playground but staff had always been able to stop him. There had been no running behaviors noted during the 2017 fall semester until this date.

Douglas County Assessor's site and Google maps shows the child's home is directly behind the school. Cutler also provided the family's

address and stated the school property boundary and the child's backyard property line are adjacent to one another. The child would not have to cross a street or be near traffic to get to home.

Based on documentation and information provided by Cutler, CCIS determines protocols for transitioning children from one area of the center to another were not followed on day in question. Cutler did not accurately account for children moving from the gym to the Club 66 classroom as she was trying to assist a parent instead of having the parent wait until the transition time was complete and all children were situated in the classroom. As a result one child managed to leave the facility unnoticed. Although there had not been incidents with this child leaving the group during the 2017 school year, last school year the child had left his group on multiple occasions.

As a result of this recent incident additional supervision measures have been put in place for transition periods and staff are to assure transitions are completed without distraction.

Although immediate action was taken to reduce the chance of similar incidents in the future CCIS does find the child care center was out of compliance with regulations on 10-30-2017.

CCIS SUBSTANTIATES a violation of Regulation 3-006.19 Supervision of Children.

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#### DEPARTMENT DECISION PENDING

Revised Compliance Review mailed 2-13-2018/LA 2-13-2018 Notice of Corrective action status mailed to provider 2-22-2018 CAS plan received by Dept. 3-13-2018 CCIS and Supervisor, Jo Pfeiffer reviewed plan. Plan approved

approved.

3-21-2018 Licensee mailed notice of approval.

Corrective action status effective 3-13-2018 to 9-13-2018.

#### 2-28-2018PROVIDER COMMENTS

A Provider may submit written comments to be attached to this form.

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State of Nebraska Pete Ricketts, Governor

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Division of Public Health, Licensure Unit 301 Centennial Mall South, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 94986 Lincoln, NE 68509-4986 Phone (402) 471-2115 FAX (402) 471-3577

## Division of Public Health

State of Nebraska Dave Heineman, Governor

October 28, 2014

WESTSIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD
PADDOCK ROAD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
Kaycee Meister, Director
9030 Western Ave.
Omaha, NE 68114

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Sincerely

Becky Wisell, Administrator Licensure Unit

BW/dcp

cc: Children's Services Licensing

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Amended: 10/22/2014

Given under the name and seal of the Department of Health and Thur ar Services Regulation and lacensure of the State of Nebrasia at Emech. on



Joseph M. Acterno M.D. J.D. Chief Medical Offices in Director, Division of Public Teath



### Division of Public Health

State of Nebraska Dave Heineman, Governor

1801 North 73 ST, Omaha, NE 68114

October 22, 2014

Paddock Road Early Childhood Center Director Kaycee Meister/Julie Oelke 9030 Western Ave Omaha, NE 681114

Attn: Director Kaycee Meister

Dear Ms. Meister:

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Children's Services Licensing, received your corrective action plan and reviewed it on October 22, 2014.

Your corrective action plan been approved effective October 22, 2014 and is attached. Your Corrective Action Status will be effective until April 22 2015.

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Jo Pfeiffer, Child Care Licensing Supervisor Children's Services Licensing

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health 1801 North 73rd Street
Omaha, NE 68114

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cc: Gina Ewing, Staff Assistant II

Marsha Wandersee, Administrative Assistant II Bob Cummings, Resource Development, Contract Management Division



# Westside Early Childhood Centers

9030 Western Avenue Omaha, NE 68114

402.390.8207

Paddock Road Early Childhood Center Plan of Corrective Action

License: CCC7564

RE: 8/13/14 391 NAC 3-006.19 Supervision of Children:

Date of Incident: Wednesday, August 13, 2014

Time of Incident: 3:50PM-3:54PM

Location: Paddock Road Playground/Club 66 Classroom

Description of events: At 3:50 PM, as School Age students were lining up to enter the building I, Kaycee Meister, reminded the staff to complete their transition sheet checks. At the time of the incident there was a total of 26 children with 3 staff supervising. Jillian Bilyeu completed her sheet which included students in grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade. All of her students were accounted for. Kourtney Brown was also reminded to complete the transition sheet on her clipboard to ensure that all of those students, grade 3rd through 6th, were accounted for as well. At 3:54, three school age students,

door of the Club classroom and told the teachers that they were on the playground and didn't hear the teachers call to line up the class. When asked where they were on the playground, they said that they were on the play equipment.

Immediate Action Taken: Kourtney Brown, Louis Wilson, & Jillian Bilyeu have all received job counseling on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, regarding proper supervision procedures and the importance of using the transition sheets provided to ensure that a supervision issue does not arise again. Kourtney Brown was placed on probation for a 6 month period, during this time, she is expected to follow all policies and procedures related to supervision as well as all other WECC policies. Any violation of policy will result in further action up to and including separation of employment from WECC. She has reviewed & initialed the supervision policy outlined in the Westside Early Childhood Centers

policy manual, and has acknowledged that she understands how to complete a transition sheet accurately. As of 8/15/14, Kourtney Brown is no longer employed with Westside Early Childhood Centers.

#### Corrective Action Plan:

- 1. Kourtney Brown is no longer employed with Westside Early Childhood Centers
- The Center's staff have received additional training on appropriate playground supervision, use of transition sheets, been provided with a whistle for use while on the playground, been assigned zones of supervision on the playground.
  - a. Documentation of the additional training is attached and has been signed by staff. Copies of this documentation will be kept in the staff file maintained on site at Paddock Road.
- Prior to working in the classroom, newly hired staff meet individually with Kaycee Meister to review the Supervision requirements of the State Licensing Standards as well as the NAEYC Standards. Training documentation will be maintained in the staff file.
- 4. Teachers follow center policy regarding the use of transition sheets & recording transitions, keeping an updated list of present students at all times. Transition sheets are reviewed throughout the day, and turned in each evening to ensure that the sheets are being used according to policy. When a discrepancy arises, it is addressed immediately by Kaycee Meister.



## Division of Public Health

State of Nebraska

1801 North 73 ST, Omaha, NE 68114

September 9, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL

C/O Julie Oelke, Westside Early Child Hood Program Director Westside Early Childhood- Paddock Rd Early Childhood Center 9030 Western Ave.
Omaha Ne. 68114

Dear Ms. Oelke:

Nebraska Revised Statutes, section 71-1911 (4), of the Child Care Licensing Act, provides the department may place a license on Corrective Action Status.

FACTS: A self-report was made to Children's Services Licensing by Kaycee Meister, the Director of Westside Early Childhood-Paddock Road Early Childhood Center. Meister reported that on August 26, 2014 there were twenty six school age child care children and three staff on the playground at Paddock Road Early Childhood Center. At approximately 3:50 PM the children were returning to the building and teacher, Kourtney Brown, indicated on her transition checklist that all of her assigned children were accounted for. At approximately 3:54 PM, three 4th graders knocked on the child care center door and stated they had been outside on the playground and had not noticed everyone else had come in. Ms. Brown was the teacher assigned to the 3 children that were left outside unattended for a minimum of 4 minutes. Ms. Brown did not realize these children were not in her group until they came back into the program themselves.

#### **REGULATORY BASES:**

## 391 NAC 3-006.03A5 Department Determination

The Department may deny or take action against a license if an individual is found to have .....a history of convictions or behavior that shows an inability ... to comply...with regulations.

#### 391 NAC 3-006.19 Supervision of Children

Adequate and appropriate supervision must be provided to children at all times children are in attendance, including during outdoor play. Ultimate responsibility for supervision rests with the licensee.

#### DETERMINING CORRECTIVE ACTION STATUS:

The Department may place a provisional or operating license on a non-disciplinary Corrective Action Status for up to six months if:

(a) The licensee is unable to comply with all licensure requirements and standards or has a history of non-compliance

(b) The effect of the non-compliance with any rule or regulation does not present an unreasonable risk to the health, safety, or well-being of children or staff; and

(c) The licensee has a written plan of correction that has been approved by the department

Based on the facts presented above and the regulations violated, the department is placing your operating license on Corrective Action Status for a period of six (6) months.

#### CORRECTIVE ACTION STATUS: PLAN OF CORRECTION

Corrective action status is voluntary and the decision regarding the placement on corrective action status is not appealable. However, you are <u>required</u> to submit a written Plan of Correction <u>that must be approved</u> by the department.

Your written plan of correction must:

1) Identify the issue(s) of concern

2) Identify who is responsible for corrections and maintenance of compliance

3) Include timelines; and

4) Specify the documentation to be provided to the Department.

- 5) Plan should include provision for providing adequate and appropriate supervision at all times children are in care at your program. Plan should specifically address appropriate supervision during outside activities, and transitioning times.
- 6) Plan should include written procedures to ensure all children are supervised and accounted for at all times while in your care.

Please submit your written Plan of Correction to Dawn Kozak, Child Care Inspection Specialist, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Children's Services Licensing, 1801 North 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68114 within ten calendar days after you receive this letter.

#### FAILURE TO SUBMIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:

If you do not submit a written Plan of Correction, or the written Plan of Correction is not approved, the department may discipline your license by imposing one or a combination of the following types of disciplinary action:

(a) Issue a probationary (disciplinary) license;

(b) Suspend or revoke a provisional, probationary, or operating license;

(c) Impose a civil penalty of up to five dollars per child, based upon the number of children for which the program is authorized to provide child care effective date of finding violation, for each day the program is in violation;

(d) Establish restrictions on new enrollment of the program;

(e) Establish restrictions or other limitations on the number of children, or the age of the children served in this program; or

(f) Establish other restrictions or limitations on the type of service provided by the program.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Dawn Kozak, Child Care Inspection Specialist at 402-595-3203 or Jo Pfeiffer, Child Care Licensing Supervisor at 402-595-3335.

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Jo Pfeiffer, Child Care Licensing Supervisor Children's Services Hicensing 1801 North 73rd Street Omaha, NE 68114

Cc: Dawn Kozak, Child Care Inspection Specialist
Marsha Wandersee, Administrative Assistant II
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Kaycee Meister, Director