

State of New Jersey  
Department of Children and Families  
**Office of Licensing**

License ID: 16POS0001Complaint # 747

**COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION SUMMARY REPORT**

<b>Name of Center:</b> Positive Place Preschool		
<b>Street:</b> 150 Maitland Avenue		
<b>City:</b> Hawthorne	<b>State:</b> NJ	<b>Zip:</b> 07506
<b>Director:</b> Nicole Kenworthy	<b>Head Teacher:</b> R. Timmerman	
<b>Phone:</b> (973)427-7777	<b>County:</b> Passaic	

<b>Name of Sponsor/Board President:</b> Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne		
<b>Street:</b> 150 Maitland Avenue		
<b>City:</b> Hawthorne	<b>State:</b> NJ	<b>Zip:</b> 07506
<b>License Status:</b> Regular 07/25/2019		
<b>Date Allegation(s) Received:</b> 10/17/2017	<b>Date(s) Investigation Conducted:</b> 10/23/2017	

ALLEGATIONS	FINDINGS	RESULTS
1. Inappropriate staff action: A staff hit a named three year old child on four separate occasions.	1. At the time of the investigation, appropriate and positive interactions between the staff and the children were observed throughout the center. Staff used positive guidance techniques with children as needed and no staff was observed acting inappropriately with the children. Interviews with the director and staff denied the allegation and indicated that at no time was any staff observed hitting any child, or acting in an inappropriate manner towards any child. Interviews with the named child indicated that no child was ever hit by a staff at any time. A review of documentation revealed that all staff were trained on the center's policies and procedures for appropriate staff actions and implement them at all times. As a result of observation, interview and documentation, this allegation could not be substantiated.	<b><u>1. Complaint</u></b> <b><u>Unsubstantiated</u></b>

**Observation at the center revealed that the center:**

Is free of imminent hazards/risk of harm: Yes                      Has adequate supervision: Yes  
Meets staff/child ratio requirements: Yes                      Is operating within licensed capacity: Yes

As a result of this inspection 0 violation(s) applicable to the allegations was cited and 2 additional violation(s) were cited.

**Inspector(s) name(s) and title(s):**

Patricia Lijoi, Child Care Quality Assurance Inspector 2