

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
EDWARDSVILLE

March 15, 2019

To: Parent of SIUE-JJK Head Start/Early Head Start Parents

From: Mrs. Marcia Oliver, SIUE-JJK Head Start/Early Head Start Center Coordinator *MO*

RE: Allegations of Child Safety Violation

As educators and overseers of our most vulnerable population, our children, SIUE-JJK Head Start/Early Head Start Center has dedicated itself to the protection of all children in our care. This letter is to notify you that there has been a report by a parent, alleging that a child safety violation occurred within her child's classroom on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Immediately upon receipt of the parent's allegations, the alleged incident was reported to all of the proper authorities and an official investigation has been launched.

SIUE-JJK Head Start/Early Head Start and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville are strictly limited as to what it can publicly state, because of the laws regarding confidentiality of student records. We also cannot release names of students, details of the alleged incident or any disciplinary actions taken thus far.

However, we wish to make it clear that the well-being and safety of all children is our top priority. Under no circumstances does the program condone or tolerate any inappropriate treatment towards children, families or staff. We will continue to cooperate fully with the proper authorities and will take appropriate action consistent with the law and program policy in handling this matter.