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US Attorney's Office Reaches Settlement with Child Care Center Over Claim of Discrimination Against a Child with a Peanut Allergy

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan has reached a settlement with Sunny Skies Child Care in Clawson, MI to resolve allegations that it discriminated against a child because of her peanut allergy. The settlement resolved an investigation prompted by a complaint that Sunny Skies Child Care expelled a child from its child care program upon learning of the child's peanut allergy, which qualifies as a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"Parents across Michigan rely on child care in order to work or go to school, and they expect that their children will not be denied access to care simply because of their child's disability," said United States Attorney Matthew Schneider. "We are thankful to Sunny Skies Child Care for their cooperation in our investigation, and we are pleased that children with disabilities will continue to have access to quality child care under this settlement."

Sunny Skies worked cooperatively with the U.S. Attorney's Office throughout the investigation to promptly change its policies to ensure that it will treat children with disabilities fairly and equally. Under the agreement, Sunny Skies will train its staff on the ADA and implement an anti-discrimination policy, and pay damages to the affected family.

For more information on the ADA and the obligations of public accommodations under the ADA may call the Justice Department's toll-free ADA information line at 800-514-0301 or 800-514-0383 (TDD), or access its ADA website at www.ada.gov. ADA complaints may be filed by email to ada.complaint@usdoj.gov, www.usamie.civilrights@usdoj.gov, or by calling 313-226-9151.

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