

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Ankeny Lil' Tots Daycare & Preschool LLC	Enrollment: 174	License ID: 43390
Street: 732 SE Shurfine DR	City: Ankeny	IA Zip Code: 50021 County: Polk
Mailing Address: 732 SE Shurfine DR		
Mailing City: Ankeny	IA Zip Code: 50021	
Director's Name: Erica Pierce/Keyara Adams	Center Phone Number: 515-965-6754	
On-Site Supervisors: Rachel Sheeks	E-Mail Address: epankenyliltots@hotmail.com Keyara.ankenyliltots@gmail.com	

Date of Complaint: 02-11-2025**Date of Visit:** 02-11-2025
☐ Scheduled
☒ Unannounced
☐ NA

☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found
☐ Compliance with Regulations Found
RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE☒ NO CHANGES to licensing status recommended☐ PROVISIONAL license from _____ to _____☐ SUSPENSION of License☐ REVOCATION of License**Complaint Details:**Did this complaint result in a serious injury? ☐ Yes ☒ NoDid this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No**Summary of Complaint:**

On 1/17/2025 a 2.5 yo was served extremely expired milk which resulted in the child waking up in the night with severe pains. On 1/21/25 it is reported a classroom teacher confirmed the milk was expired.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.10(1)a Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

109.15(4)c Perishable foods brought from home are maintained to avoid contamination or spoilage.

Inspection Findings:

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I conducted an unannounced visit to Ankeny Lil Tots Daycare and Preschool. I met with Keyara Adams and Erica Pierce, directors. We discussed the concerns/complaint that had been received. We went to the kitchen and I observed the refrigerators that are used to cool milk along with the freezer and refrigerator that is used to hold other food items. On this day, there were not expired food items observed and no milk at the center was expired. It should be noted several parents elect to bring milk for their respective children, including the child subject. The milk provided to the child subject is Fair Life whole milk. Both directors were aware the child's parents did supply the milk while at the center. The directors were under the impression the child had/has a sensitivity to milk, but no other diet restrictions were noted.

I spoke with lead staff in the two year old's classroom. The lead staff was aware milk was brought from home for this child. This lead staff indicated she did not recollect the milk on 1/17/25 smelling foul or other signs of obvious spoil. The lead staff indicated speaking to the parent a 1/21/25 and confirming the milk brought from home, left at the center was expired; however they did not recall the actual expiration date listed on the milk. The directors indicated they were not really aware there was a concern until the past day; when parent gave lead staff a 30-day notice of withdrawal. Erica stated she attempted to speak in person to parent and the parent would not engage to speak further about the concerns and that an email was sent as well.

I did request to see enrollment forms and physical for the child. The enrollment form did not list milk or dairy as an allergy or sensitivity. There was not a child physical or immunization record on file with the center. We discussed the need to obtain physicals within 30-days of enrollment and immunization records. The directors note contacting the family by email at least one time in December requesting a physical form/immunization record.

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I contacted the confidential reporter who believed the child's mother had dropped off shot records and also a doctor's note regarding the lactose sensitivity, on/about 12/6/24.

I then contacted the mother of the child; who confirmed providing an immunization record to Ankeny Lil Tots on 12/6/24. Additionally, the child's doctor wrote a note regarding the lactose sensitivity that was also provided to the center. The mother indicated speaking to lead staff on 1/21/25; that lead staff confirmed the milk at the center meant for the child subject was expired, however no certain date was known. The mother shared this child did have abdominal pain 1/17/25; and there are concerns that was the result of getting expired milk however when mother spoke to staff on 1/21/25; staff did not verbalize the expiration date on the milk at that time.

I contacted directors Keyara Adams and Erica Pierce; to inquire if the child's file contained a doctor's note; which was later provided, noting the child's sensitivity to lactose.

There is substantial evidence to conclude a licensing violation has occurred. The center is **FOUND TO BE OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSING REGULATION 109.10(1)a Preschool** (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

The center notes an email to the parents requesting physical forms mid-December 2024; the parent indicated providing the requested information. When an unannounced visit occurred to the center; required information was not located in the child's file.

There is **NOT** sufficient evidence to conclude a licensing violation has occurred. The center is **FOUND TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSING REGULATION 109.15(4)c Perishable foods** brought from home are maintained to avoid contamination or spoilage.

Special Notes and Action Required:

The center directors will ensure children enrolled in the center for care provide physical form and records of immunization/exemption within 30 days of enrollment and follow policy regarding exclusion from attendance.

The center directors and staff will ensure milk provided at the center is not expired, whether the center provides the milk or a parent has provided milk.

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Consultant's Signature:

Maggie Gibson, SWIV

Date:

02-21-2025