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CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Kathleen Hill & Jerry Hill	**County** Des Moines	
Care Address 1316 Brick ST	**City** Burlington	**Zip Code** 52601
Mailing Address 1316 Brick ST	**Mailing City** Burlington	**Mailing Zip Code** 52601
Phone 319-754-1860	**Email**	

Date of Complaint:	05/22/2024	**Date of Visit:**	05/29/2024

Type of Visit

[ ] Scheduled [X] Unannounced [ ] N/A

Compliance Regulation

[X] Non-Compliance with Regulations Found [ ] Compliance with Regulations Found

Recommendation for Registration:

[X] No Changes to registration status recommended

[ ] Revocation of Registration

[ ] Cancellation of Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement

Category of Care:

[ ] Category A

[ ] Category B

[ ] Category C (with no co-provider)

[X] Category C (with co-provider)

[ ] Non-registered Child Care Home with CCA Provider Agreement

Complaint Details:

Did this complaint result in a serious injury? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Did this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Summary of Complaint:

It was alleged that a child was "locked in a room" that does have a half wall, but the child could not get out and both providers were outside, so the child was not being supervised. It was also reported that the same child was grabbed by the arm and "drug on the ground" to the parent and told the child could not return to the daycare and that the child "needs a good whooping."

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

1. 110.7(1)a Gives careful supervision at all times.

2. 110.8(6)a-e Discipline: Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking, and slapping is not used. No punishment is used which is humiliating or frightening, or causes pain or discomfort to the child. No punishment is administered because of a child's illness, or process or lack of progress in toilet training. No punishment or threat of punishment is associated with food or rest. No child is subjected to verbal abuse, threats, or derogatory remarks about the child or the child's family. Discipline is designed to help the child develop self-control, self-esteem, and respect for the rights of others.

3. 110.8(5) a-d Safe Sleep: Provider shall follow safe sleep practices as recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age. Infants are placed on back to sleep. Infants are placed on firm mattress with tight fitted sheet that meets CPSC standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on bed, sofa, air mattress, or other soft surface. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding is allowed in sleeping area. Co-sleeping is not allowed. Sleeping infants will be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternative sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with state of medical reason is required. No child is allowed to sleep in items not designed for sleeping, including but not limited to, infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. Crib or crib-like furniture, waterproof mattress covering and sufficient bedding that meets CPSC or ASTM standards is provided for each child under two years of age. No restraining devices are used. Items used for sleeping are used in compliance with manufacturing standards for age and weight of the child.

SW Bailey made an unannounced visit to the provider's daycare home. Upon entering the home an infant was observed to be sleeping in a bouncy seat, covered by a blanket. SW Bailey discussed safe sleep guidelines with the Hills. Kathleen stated that the infant's parent requested that the child sleep in the bouncy seat. SW Bailey reminded Kathleen that infants under 12 months must follow safe sleep guidelines unless there is a doctor's note due to a medical reason. Kathleen stated that she knew "it wasn't right" and immediate moved the infant. Kathleen signed a safety plan agreeing to follow all safe sleep guidelines.

SW Bailey discussed the report of the child being locked in a half room, and unsupervised. Kathleen stated that the child in question is afraid of all bugs and flies. Kathleen said that the children were all playing outside, and the child became upset due to a fly. Kathleen said that the child was crying and screaming about the fly and getting the other children upset, so Kathleen brought the child into the kitchen to sit down and calm down. The kitchen is just inside the door to where the children were playing outside. Kathleen said that she was standing in the doorway, watching the children outside and supervising the child. Kathleen's co-provider and assistant were also outside with the other children. Kathleen stated that when the child saw her parent approaching the house, she pushed open the unlocked gate to the playroom, also directly off the kitchen area, and sat in there until her mother came in to get her. Kathleen says that at no time was a child unsupervised.

Kathleen discussed the other incident involving the same child. Kathleen said that the child was dropped off at 7:00am and was very upset and crying. Kathleen said that is not unusual for this particular child, however, the child usually can be distracted and calm down. This particular incident the child was not able to calm down and was reportedly kicking, hitting and spitting at Kathleen. Kathleen said the child was screaming that she hated her and hated the daycare. Kathleen said that she placed the child in a crib so the child could calm down safely. Kathleen said that she called the parent to come and pick the child up. Kathleen said that when the parent arrived at 8:15am, she took the child out of the crib and walked them by the hand to their waiting parent. Kathleen denies that she "drug" the child. Kathleen said that in the past the child's mother had told her that she could spank the child if needed, to which Kathleen told her that physical discipline was not allowed in daycare settings. Kathleen did admit that when she gave the child to the parent, she did tell them that they needed to get their child "under control" and that she "needs a whooping".

Kathleen said that she did not write an incident report because she thought that was only required if a child was injured. Kathleen called her CCR&R consultant who advised her to write an incident report that have the parent sign it. Kathleen said that she did write up an incident report after the fact, however, the parents were refusing to sign it.

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Resolution and Action Required:

Kathleen signed a safety plan agreeing to abide by all safe sleep guidelines.
SW Bailey made referral to CCR&R and CCNC to go over safe sleep guidelines with Kathleen. Kathleen is expected to cooperate with CCR&R and CCNC.

The child is no longer attending Kathleen's daycare, the final day was 5/22/2024.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: SW Bailey did an unannounced drop-in visit to the daycare home of Jerry and Kathleen Hill to follow up on the safe sleep safety plan. At the time of the visit the children were eating lunch before nap time. Kathleen showed SW Bailey the crib that is set up for the infant in care. Ms. Hill report that she is following safe sleep guidelines, and she did meet with CCR&R and the CCNC.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 7/19/2024 1:15:13 PM

Consultant's Signature:	Holly Bailey	**Date of Visit:**	06/04/2024
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	**Date of Visit:**	07/19/2024