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CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider	County	
Debra Guda	Polk	
Care Address	**City**	**Zip Code**
3843 8th PL	Des Moines	50313
Mailing Address	**Mailing City**	**Mailing Zip Code**
3843 8th PL	Des Moines	50313
Phone	**Email**	
515-718-2460		

Date of Complaint:	08/31/2023	Date of Visit:	09/06/2023

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:

[X] Category A

[ ] Category B

[ ] Category C (with no co-provider)

[ ] 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:

Another daycare parent smacked another child in the daycare. Provider did not tell the parent of the child who was struck. Supervision regarding how the provider allowed this to happen. It is reported this parent is at the daycare all the time and helps watch the children.

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

110.7(1)a “Gives careful supervision at all times.”
110.7(1)b “Frequently exchanges information with the parent of each child to enhance the quality of care.”
110.9(2)a “Documentation from the Department confirming record checks have been completed and authorizing or limiting the person’s involvement with child care.”

On 9/6/2023 this worker went to the Child Development Home of Debra Guda unannounced at 11am. Debra allowed this worker into the home. There was one child in care who was approximately 3-4 years old. Debra’s daughter and assistant, Katrina Bates, was also present with her toddler daughter.

I questioned Debra about her relationship with Quinton Taylor. Debra said his child attends daycare in her home. I asked if she has any other relationship with Quinton other than his family accessing childcare in her home. She said she did not have any relationship with him other than daycare. She went on to say she does not have friendships with families accessing her for services.

I shared with Debra the details of the complaint. Debra said she remembered the incident. Debra said when Quinton arrived to pick up his children from the Child Development Home another child was emotionally escalated and there were 4 other children in the CDH. Debra said the parent told her he would separate the escalated child to calm him down. Debra said she stepped outside with the parent and the child in question. She did not witness the parent hit the child in question. Debra said she returned to the living room to check on the other kids. Debra said the parent was alone outside with the child in question for 3-4 minutes and then they returned to the living room.

Debra said the child in question did not report being struck by the parent. Debra did communicate to this worker she had been texting the child’s mother during the day regarding the child’s behavior. Debra showed this worker the texts. Text messages were collaborative in nature until the mother of the child text asking “why did your husband hit my son. I need an explanation of why your husband punched my son in the fuckin jaw.” This text was sent at 10pm after care hours. Provider responded “My husband didn’t hit him in the jaw.” There was no response from the mother and the provider did not engage further. Debra said she did not communicate further because she was confused with the accusation and was not sure how to respond.

I had a discussion with Debra regarding the fact that she left the child in the supervision of an unapproved person. I told her this was unacceptable and cannot happen. Debra said she understood this should not have happened and will not happen in the future. I also reviewed with Debra corporal punishment is not allowed in Child Development Homes. She communicated she understands this and never uses corporal punishment as a behavior modification.

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Resolution and Action Required:

In regard to the first rule identified above regarding supervision the provider was out of compliance with the rule.

In regard to the second rule identified above regarding communicating with parents the provider was out of compliance with the rule because she did not follow up with the issue with the parent regarding the parent believing her husband hit her child.

In regard to the third rule identified above the provider was out of compliance due to the fact she allowed an unapproved person to supervise a child in her care.

In processing the above situation Debra acknowledge she should not have allowed the other parent to supervise the child in question and communicated it would not happen again.

Debra agreed she should have followed up on communicating fully with the parent regarding the parent believing her husband hit her child. If a similar situation occurs in the future Debra communicated she would follow up and clarify any concerns parents have with the parent.

No further action will be needed at this time.

This worker did a full compliance visit on 3/2/2023. Any compliance concerns at that time were addressed in a separate document.

Consultant's Signature:	Jake Aringdale	**Date of Visit:**	09/08/2023
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	**Date of Visit:**	09/08/2023