Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Fremont Mills Early Childhood Center **Enrollment:** 58 **License ID:** 51105

Street: 1114 US Highway 275 **City:** Tabor **IA** **Zip Code:** 51653 **County:** Fremont

Mailing Address: PO BOX 310

Mailing City: Tabor **IA** **Zip Code:** 51653

Director's Name: Alllyson Forney **Center Phone Number:** 712-629-6555

On-Site Supervisors: Jessica Schreck **E-Mail Address:** aforney@fmtabor.org jschreck@fmtabor.org

Date of Complaint: 01-14-2026 **Date of Visit:** 01-16-2026

[ ] Scheduled **[X]** Unannounced **[ ]** NA

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

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

[X] 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 ☒ No

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

Summary of Complaint:

On 1/14/26, a complaint was received that alleged a staff member was strapping a child into a chair in a closet for an unknown length of time. It was later discovered that there was a total of four children that had been restrained in a highchair and only one had a doctor's note supporting this type of discipline.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.12(2)a-d The center shall not use as a form of discipline:Center does not use corporal punishment including spanking, shaking, or slapping.Punishment which is humiliating or frightening or causes pain or discomfort is not allowed. Children shall never be locked in a room or closet. When restraints are part of a treatment plan for a child with a disability authorized by a parent and a psychologist or psychiatrist, staff shall receive training on the safe and appropriate use of the restraint.Punishment or threat of punishment associated with illness, toilet training, or food or rest is not to be used.No child is subject to verbal abuse, threats, derogatory remarks about child or child's family.

Inspection Findings:

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On 1/16/26, my coworker and I made an unannounced visit to Fremont Mills Early Childhood Center. Neither the director, Allyson Forney, nor the on-site supervisor, Jessica Schreck, were present. My coworker and I were able to talk to some of the staff members that were present. We initially talked with K.V. who is the lead for the “littles”. She uses the highchair for timeouts. They call it the “thinking chair”. They initially use the thinking chair if a child is a physical threat to themselves or others. There was one chair in the littles room that is used for the thinking chair. It was not in a closet. The thinking chair has straps that the children are easily able to remove; however, there is also a table tray put on the highchair that prevents the children from removing themselves from the chair. I informed K.V. that children cannot be restrained as a form of discipline. While my coworker and I were talking to staff, one staff member was able to get ahold of Jessica. She provided documentation that one of the children, W.L, has a note from her doctor’s office that supported the child being restrained at the center so there could be consistency at home and at the center.

My coworker went through behavioral reports from the beginning of December 2025 until present. Of the 41 reports reviewed, there were four children identified as being restrained at some point. Only one child had documentation from a doctor supporting the restraint as part of a treatment plan. There needs to be a treatment plan to support restraints as well as some training for staff who use the restraints.

On 1/23/26, I talked with Allyson Forney, the director of the center. Initially, K.V. was informed no child could be restrained. Jessica Schreck, the on-site supervisor, had addressed it with the parents and then the parents provided documentation from the doctor so they continued to restrain the child. None of the other children had documentation from a doctor that restraints could be used.

Allyson Forney said that going forward no child will be restrained. She is open to a referral being made to Child Care Resource and Referral for the behavioral specialist to work with the staff on how to address some of the children’s behaviors, especially for the child who had a doctor’s note supporting the restraints.

Because K.V. didn't follow protocols for appropriate discipline, the center is FOUND TO BE IN NON-COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSING REGULATION 109.12(2)a-d AS IT PERTAINS TO USE OF DISCIPLINE.

Special Notes and Action Required:

I made a referral to Child Care Resource and Referral so the behavioral specialist can work with the staff on how to best address some of the behaviors that occur. Allyson Forney said they will no longer use any type of restraint with the children. She said that one strategy is to make visuals for choices since verbal redirection isn’t working. They need to know what can be done if behaviors escalate. They will talk with staff and parents about next steps. Regarding W.L., the center will ask that the parents talk to the doctor to see about getting a behavioral worker to address issues and try to coordinate so there is consistency at home and the center.

Consultant's Signature:

Tausha Bottorff

Date:

03-11-2026