Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Friendly House Kids Corner **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID:** 20690

Street: 1221 Myrtle ST **City:** Davenport **IA** **Zip Code:** 52804 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 1221 Myrtle ST

Mailing City: Davenport **IA** **Zip Code:** 52804

Director's Name: Ivy Nevenhoven **Center Phone Number:** 563-949-1835

On-Site Supervisors: N/A **E-Mail Address:** lnevenhoven@friendlyhouseiowa.org

Date of Complaint: 10-11-2022 **Date of Visit:** 10-13-2022

[ ] 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:

A staff member had marijuana and paraphernalia at the child care center.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

106.6(7) Use of controlled substances and medications: All owners, personnel, and volunteers shall be free of the use of illegal drugs and shall not be under the influence of alcohol or of any prescription or nonprescription drug that could impair their ability to function.

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

Inspection Findings:

106.6(7) Use of controlled substances and medications: All owners, personnel, and volunteers shall be free of the use of illegal drugs and shall not be under the influence of alcohol or of any prescription or nonprescription drug that could impair their ability to function. VIOLATED.

109.11(3)a. Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. VIOLATED.

On 10/11/22 this worker, Lori Mueller (CCR&R Consultant) and law enforcement arrived at the childcare center. This worker talked with the director and explained that she was at the center due to an allegation of a staff member using marijuana and having marijuana/paraphernalia at the center. This worker showed her the pictures that were sent in anonymously. Ivy mentioned that it appeared to be the preschool countertop. This worker inspected the school age room. No concerns were found. This worker then inspected the preschool room. Ivy asked the staff/children to go into the gym during this time. This worker opened the cabinet labeled "snack cupboard." In this cupboard there was a pencil bag. It was an alligator pencil bag with a google eye. This worker felt it may hold snacks. Inside the alligator pencil bag there appeared to be drugs/paraphernalia and a staff paystub. This worker handed it to law enforcement. Law enforcement interviewed the staff whose name was on the paystub. The staff admitted there to be 3 to 3.5 grams of marijuana wax, a vape pen and a wax pen in the bag. She also confirmed the bag found today belonged to her. This worker also inspected other classrooms, the staff breakroom and kitchen area. No additional concerns were found.

The staff member brought a child's pencil bag holding 3-3.5 grams of marijuana wax, a marijuana vape pen and a marijuana wax pen, into the children's classroom. The bag was held in a cabinet that was high enough a child would have had to climb on a counter to get to, however, the cabinet was not locked or secured in anyway. A reasonable and prudent person would not bring illegal substances into their work, especially when working with children in a daycare setting. The director shared that she would discuss with the board what next steps would occur with the staff member. The staff member is no longer with the center.

Special Notes and Action Required:

The center director is encouraged to review their policies with all staff in regards to use of controlled substances and medications.

The center director is also encouraged to complete random inspections to ensure the classrooms are safe.

Consultant's Signature:

Heidi Brown

Date:

11-21-2022