



Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Tabitha Scheffert	County Poweshiek	
Care Address 1424 Reed ST	City Grinnell	Zip Code 50112
Mailing Address 1424 Reed ST	Mailing City Grinnell	Mailing Zip Code 50112
Phone 641-781-9021	Email	

Date of Complaint:	03/20/2025	Date of Visit:	03/25/2025
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Type of Visit

☒ Scheduled ☐ Unannounced ☐ N/A

Compliance Regulation

☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found ☐ Compliance with Regulations Found

Recommendation for Registration:

- ☐ 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)
- ☐ 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 reported that Tabitha has been hitting the children and leaving bruises and bumps and not feeding the children. It was also reported that the provider's home has animal feces and urine on the floor.

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

On 3/25/2025 SW Bailey and another HHS employee met with Tabitha, at her daycare home. The allegations were discussed with Tabitha. Tabitha discussed her relationship with the family that she believes to have made the report. Tabitha was not informed of the reporter. Tabitha said that she has a long history with the family and considers the children part of her family. Tabitha stated that she spends time with these children outside of daycare hours because of their on-going relationship, including hosting birthday parties and sleep overs with the children.

Tabitha was asked about the discipline that she uses in her daycare. Tabitha said that she tries to verbally redirect as much as possible. Tabitha said that if redirection isn't successful in altering the behavior, she will utilize time-out's. Tabitha denies every spanking or hitting any children. Another HHS worker did make contact with the children that are involved in this case. The children had no injuries and denied that Tabitha ever hit them. Tabitha is in compliance with discipline practices in her daycare home.

110.8(6) Discipline

- a. Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking and slapping is not used.
- b. No punishment is used which is humiliating or frightening or causes pain or discomfort to the child.
- c. No punishment is administered because of a child's illness, or progress or lack of progress in toilet training.
- d. No child is subjected to verbal abuse, threats, or derogatory remarks about the child or the child's family.
- e. Discipline is designed to help the child develop self-control, self-esteem, and respect for the rights of others.

Tabitha stated that she feeds all daycare children breakfast, lunch and two snacks. Tabitha says that some children at her daycare prefer snacks to meals, but she provides everyone with 2 meals and 2 snacks and they are free to have drinks with meals and any other time that they request. Tabitha is in compliance for meals, she offers the children regular meals and snacks and they are not required to bring their own food.

110.8(1)n Providers inform parents of the presence of any pet in the child development home. Children shall not perform any feeding or care of pets or cleanup of pet waste.

Tabitha has household pets including 2 dogs and 4 cats. Tabitha says that the pets are not part of the daycare, she keeps the dogs either outside or in the kitchen area if the weather is bad. SW Bailey has been to the daycare home on several occasions, and no animal feces or urine has been observed. Tabitha denies that the children are responsible for any pet care and states that the animals do not go to the bathroom in the home. Tabitha says that if the animals have an accident, she immediately cleans it up. Tabitha is in compliance with household pet policies within her daycare home.

Resolution and Action Required:

SW Bailey and another HHS employee met with Tabitha at her home and the other HHS employee did meet with the children identified in the complaint. The children denied all of the allegations against Tabitha and no bruises or bumps were observed on the children.

During the meeting, which also included Tabitha's annual compliance visit, Tabitha indicated that her father has been residing in her home since April 2024. SW Bailey questioned Tabitha about if she added her father to her household through daycare registration. Tabitha said that she did not. Upon discussion with HHS daycare registration, it was discovered that Tabitha's father had been prohibited from residing in her home several years ago. Due to this violation, HHS revoked Tabitha's registration.



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Consultant's Signature:	Holly Bailey	Date of Visit:	05/01/2025
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	05/05/2025