



Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Lorinda Huss		County Polk	
Care Address 5520 Sunrise DR		City Pleasant Hill	Zip Code 50327
Mailing Address 5520 Sunrise DR		Mailing City Pleasant Hill	Mailing Zip Code 50327
Phone 515-971-5157		Email	

Date of Complaint:	09/03/2025	Date of Visit:	09/04/2025
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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	

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Complaint Details:Did this complaint result in a serious injury? ☐ Yes ☒ NoDid this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No**Summary of Complaint:**

A child had a scratch on their neck from Lorinda's fingernail. The reporter picked the child up a couple of weeks ago from daycare. He had scratch marks on his neck. He stated he didn't want to talk about it. The child stated his friends did not do this to him. The child stated his neck hurt. He stated "me don't want to tell you what happened" when the reporter asked. Something was off with the child. He just wanted to stay near the reporter's side. 5-10 minutes later he started opening up. The reporter took him to the bathroom to show him his neck. He put his hand around his neck to demonstrate what Lori did. The reporter then told her husband what was going on. Joseph told his father that Lori did that. The child put his hand around dad's neck to show what Lori did. Dad took pictures of his injuries. The child did not have any trouble breathing. The next morning, Lori was confronted. She stated she did not know what happened. It looked like nails were dug into his neck. Lorinda stated she did not have any nails. The reporter stated that she sometimes wears fake nails.

Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

110.6 "No more children are in care than the number authorized on the Registration Certificate."

110.(6)a "Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking, and slapping is not used."

110.(6)c "No punishment is used which is humiliating or frightening, or causes pain or discomfort to the child."

Findings:

This worker and another DHHS worker went to the Child Development Home unannounced on 9/4/2025 at 1pm. Lorinda allowed us into the home, she was upstairs cleaning up from lunch. Lorinda took us downstairs, the children were napping. 2 children were awake, 1 was waiting to be picked up because he was sick. Lorinda had a total of 8 preschool children in care. The other worker informed her of why we were there. Lorinda said she expected us sooner, she knew what the complaint involved.

Lorinda indicated that she was concerned that there may be an issue with the scratches that the child had so she also took photos of the injuries. There was a scratch mark on the front and three little marks on the side of the neck. In the photo that Lorinda had it also showed her fingers which did not have long fingernails. Lorinda indicated that she doesn't know how Joseph received the marks on his neck. They did play in the splash pad that day and she questioned if it may have happened then. Lorinda indicated that at no point did she or would she ever grab a child's neck. She will talk, redirect, and use time out.

The other worker asked what "bad boy juice" was and Lorinda indicated in the past she had an issue with another child biting other children and after talking with the parents she provided a little drink of vinegar to the child. Lorinda denied using any type of medication for that child or any other child.

The family was transitioning into preschool, and Lorinda was not able to provide the part-time care that the family wanted and expected to be paid for her services. Lorinda stated that the family ended up bringing the child back to daycare and leaving him the following day after the scratch marks appeared.

A complete walk through of the home was completed by both workers. No safety concerns were observed.

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Resolution and Action Required:

110.6 “No more children are in care than the number authorized on the Registration Certificate.”

Lorinda was in compliance with the number of children present in her Child Development Home.

110.(6)a “Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking, and slapping is not used.”

It was determined by DHHS there is not enough information to say the scratches were a result of purposeful actions by Lorinda to cause the injury.

110.(6)c “No punishment is used which is humiliating or frightening, or causes pain or discomfort to the child.”

In the past, Lorinda indicated she consulted with a parent to try to intervene with a child’s biting other children with using vinegar to change behavior. The intent of using vinegar is to have the child associate biting with the discomfort of tasting vinegar. The provider is out of compliance with this rule when the behavior intervention occurred, even though she consulted the parent.

This worker will have a conversation with the provider regarding behavioral interventions and why this action was not in compliance with the rule. This worker will inform the provider Child Care Resource and Referral has a Behaviorist who can participate with intervening with problem behaviors.

A full compliance check was completed on 5/14/2025 with the results documented in another document.

No further action is required at this time.

Consultant's Signature:	Jake Aringdale	Date of Visit:	10/07/2025
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	10/08/2025