Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Bloom Early Learning Center, LLC **Enrollment:** 79 **License ID:** 49966

Street: 119 Brick ST SE **City:** Bondurant **IA** **Zip Code:** 50035 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 119 Brick ST SE

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Director's Name: Amy Vandenburg **Center Phone Number:** 515-967-2063

On-Site Supervisors: Sally Hall **E-Mail Address:** bloom@bloomelcbondurant.com

Date of Complaint: 04-09-2024 **Date of Visit:** 04-12-2024

[ ] 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:

It is alleged on 4/8/24, an infant (age 6 months) got a hold of Tetrahydrodalin HCL eye drops while staff M changed her diaper. The drops were on a shelf above the changing table. The child ingested an unknown amount of the eye drops.

Tetrahydodalin HCL is an active ingredient in over the counter eye drops such as Visine. This chemical, when ingested can cause distress even death.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.10(16)a The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.

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:

This concern was received 4/9/24.

l completed an unannounced visit to Bloom Early Learning Center on 4/12/24. I spoke with the director who was not at the center when this incident occurred on 4/8/24. Director Amy Vandenburg indicated she became aware of the the concern when staff contacted her after finding the child (age 6 months) with a bottle of over the counter eye drops in her hand while on the diaper changing table in the infant room. There was not a lid on the bottle. It was not known by staff if or how much the child may have ingested. Amy directed staff to call poison control, which they did. Amy stated Poison control advised to get the child to an emergency room or call an ambulance for transport to the ER. The parent was immediately aware as the parent is employed by the center and the parent is the staff that contacted poison control. An incident report was completed regarding this incident.

I interviewed staff M, who is also the child's mother. Staff M indicated changing the child, finding the child to have the cap-less bottle of OTC eyedrops in her handle on which she was mouthing. Staff M did not know how much if any of the eye drops were ingested; calling the director and then poison control. The child was taken for emergency care immediately. The child was monitored over night but is reported to have no lasting effects.

I observed the infants room; which is separated in such a manner that adults can access to entry of the room, but the room is sectioned off from the infants without an adult tending to them. The changing table is about in the middle. It is below shelving that contains diapering supplies. There were not obvious health or safety hazards on the changing table. I did check the entry way, which is mostly restricted from infant access. This area includes a small refrigerator, that contained OTC eye drops belonging to staff. Staff in the room acknowledged ownership of the bottle of drops on this day; and removed them from the room. It should be noted again; the infants in this room did not have ready access to the bottle of eye drops however the expectation is that said substances are not in the room/area of any of the children.

There is sufficient information that the a licensing violation has occurred such that there was NON-COMPLIANCE with licensing regulation 109.11 (3) a Center shall ensure: facility premises are sanitary, safe and hazard free in that eye drops containing a dangerous, potentially deadly substance was in the infant room. The director and staff took action to remove the substance and to continue to ensure this room remains sanitary, safe and hazard free. The child was able to access a potentially hazardous substance and follow up medical evaluation was required.

There is NOT sufficient evidence to conclude a licensing violation has occurred regarding careful supervision of children. The center is FOUND
TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSING REGULATION 109.10(16)A AS IT PERTAINS TO CAREFUL SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN. Staff observed the child in possession of a hazardous chemical/substance, removed the substance from the child's grasp and parent sought emergency medical evaluation; under the circumstances; careful supervision that would be provided by a reasonable and prudent person was provided in this instance.

Special Notes and Action Required:

The director and staff shall continue to ensure over the counter medication or other substances not be accessible to any child in the center. This will be accomplished with training/educating staff on the dangers of the OTC eye drops and other substances similar that pose risks to the safety/health of children and how those hazards may differ from those that endanger adults.

No other actions required at this time.

Consultant's Signature:

Maggie Gibson, SWIV

Date:

06-03-2024