

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center:	St Matthew Early Childhood Center	Enrollment:	140	License ID:	24466
Street:	2244 1st Ave NE	City:	Cedar Rapids	IA Zip Code:	52402
County:	Linn				
Mailing Address:	2244 1st Ave NE				
Mailing City:	Cedar Rapids	IA Zip Code:	52402		
Director's Name:	Sonya Benda	Center Phone Number:	319-363-9309		
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Date of Complaint: 03-26-2025**Date of Visit:** 04-04-2025☒ Scheduled ☐ Unannounced ☐ NA☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found ☐ Compliance with Regulations Found**RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE**☒ 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 ☒ NoDid this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No**Summary of Complaint:**

On 3/26/2025, a complainant reported staff PH did not properly engage in programming with school-age children.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.10(14)a The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.

Inspection Findings:

On 4/4/2025, licensing along with additional HHS persons conducted a visit to St. Matthew Early Childhood Center. The following is based upon face-to-face interviews with staff and management, a review of internal and external administrative items and observations while on-site:

CONCLUSION: The following rule was VIOLATED

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- 1). Information gathered corroborated staff PH did not provide careful supervision to the children in their care. Per Iowa Courts On-Line PH was criminally charged with Indecent Contact with a Child.
- 2). This complaint was received on 3/25/2025 however as a result of pending law enforcement action this complaint could not be completed until this time. PH is no longer employed at this program and hasn't been since 3/26/2025.
- 3). It is noted that the administration at St Matthew Early Childhood Center took immediate action, were fully cooperative and continue to ensure the safety of children in attendance.
- 4). Corrective action has resolved all concerns. The center remains in good standing with a full license.

Special Notes and Action Required:

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Based upon the above, no response to this report is requested.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The childcare director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Consultant's Signature:

Amy Lyons

Date:

12-11-2025