Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Great River Christian School & Preschool **Enrollment:** 25 **License ID:** 21194

Street: 426 Harrison Ave **City:** Burlington **IA** **Zip Code:** 52601 **County:** Des Moines

Mailing Address: 426 Harrison Ave

Mailing City: Burlington **IA** **Zip Code:** 52601

Director's Name: Carrie Shride **Center Phone Number:** 319-753-2255

On-Site Supervisors: **E-Mail Address:** cshride@greatriverchristianschool.org

Date of Complaint: 03-01-2024 **Date of Visit:** 03-01-2024

[ ] Scheduled **[ ]** Unannounced **[X]** 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 that on 2/29/2024 Jeanine K. (staff at the Great River Christian School & Preschool after school program) slapped a male child (age 9.8) on his back leaving marks.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.12(2)a Center does not use corporal punishment including spanking, shaking, or slapping.

Inspection Findings:

The determination of this report was made by review of staff report report of the incident in an email to administration, observation of a present injury on the child by HHS, parents and staff or GRCSP, staff interviews and HHS staff meeting with the child and family. Principal Francisco reported this incident to HHS and provided all documentation requested by HHS.

Courtney B. and Jeanine K. were the two staff present supervising two children. On Site Supervisor Carrie Shride had left earlier in the day due to a broken bone.

The designated person in charge for the after school program was Jeanine K. Jeanine K. reported to Principal Francisco she slapped the child on the back. She sent this information in an email to document the incident. This happened around 4:15 p.m. during the after school program. HHS has photographs of a bruise in the shape of a hand on the child's back.

Principal Francisco provided HHS with proof of both Iowa and Federal background checks and required training for both staff on 3/1/24. She reported the incident and notified HHS the employee was immediately terminated.

Other HHS personnel met with the child and family and observed the bruise. Law enforcement was notified by HHS. No charges have been pressed as of 4/4/24.

1. 109.12(2)a Center does not use corporal punishment including spanking, shaking, or slapping. Slapping is not allowed in childcare. Staff admitted and self reported "hitting" a nine year old child on the back during he after school program. VIOLATION

Special Notes and Action Required:

The program should continue to work with CCR&R and IDPH. The program has voluntarily discontinued the after school program.

Consultant's Signature:

Jill Seibert

Date:

04-04-2024