

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center:	Magic Depot Child Care Center	Enrollment:	107	License ID:	6904
Street:	307 Jasper St	City:	Onawa	IA Zip Code:	51040
County:	Monona				
Mailing Address:	307 Jasper St				
Mailing City:	Onawa	IA Zip Code:	51040		
Director's Name:	Kelli Beedle	Center Phone Number:	712-433-1998		
On-Site Supervisors:	Abbi Gerholdt (Assistant Director)		E-Mail Address:	magic.depot@westmonona.org	

Date of Complaint: 03-30-2026 **Date of Visit:** 04-01-2026

☐ 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 ☒ No

Did this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Summary of Complaint:

On 3/30/26, a complaint was received alleging on 3/12/26, a staff member's nicotine pouch was located in an infant's mouth after the child located it on the ground.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.

Inspection Findings:

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On 4/1/26, I made an unannounced visit to Magic Depot Child Care Center to discuss a nicotine pouch being located in an infant's mouth. I spoke with the Director, Kelli Beedle, and the Assistant Director, Abbi Gerholdt. Both reported the nicotine pouch belonged to a staff member T.P. T.P. had returned from work on 3/12/26 and forgot she had the nicotine pouch. The nicotine pouch was in her coat pocket. T.P. was not using the nicotine pouch on the premises. T.P. went to leave for the day and it is believed that the nicotine pouch fell out of her coat pocket and onto the ground when she grabbed her coat at the end of her shift. A child under one year old found it on the ground and put it in her mouth. Staff noticed the child chewing on something and located the nicotine pouch in her mouth. Staff in the infant room immediately notified Abbi and Kelli. The child's parent was contacted and the parent came to the center within a matter of minutes. The parent contacted poison control and Kelli reported both she and the parent talked with poison control when the parent arrived. I also verified this information with staff member Y.J. who was working in the infant room on the date of this incident.

On 4/3/25, I spoke with staff member T.P. She usually leaves the premises on her break and that is when she uses the nicotine pouch. She forgot about it when she returned to the building on 3/12/26, so she put it in her coat pocket. She had planned on flushing it but forgot about it. She did not know it was missing from her coat until she received a phone call from Kelli asking if it was hers. From the time she left the center until Kelli called her was between 2-5 minutes. T.P. said she always leaves the premises when she has her break and uses the nicotine pouch. She denied using it on the premises and denied she has ever forgotten any other times.

On 4/6/26, I spoke with staff member H.M. She verified what had been reported by the other staff members I spoke with.

Because T.P. didn't follow protocols for providing sanitary, safe and hazard-free premises, the center is **FOUND TO BE IN NON-COMPLIANCE WITH LICENSING REGULATION 109.11(3)A AS IT PERTAINS TO THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN.**

Special Notes and Action Required:

Kelli reported that staff member T.P. was written up. She is no longer allowed to have any contact with the child who put the nicotine pouch in her mouth. If T.P. brings nicotine onto the premises again, she will be terminated. Although the staff member should not have had the nicotine pouch on the premises, the center acted appropriately and took steps to help prevent this from happening again. The center is willing to take additional steps with this staff member if this is to happen again.

Consultant's Signature:

Tausha Bottorff

Date:

04-09-2026