Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Fields of Fun Child Care **Enrollment:** 70 **License ID:** 51722

Street: 6340 Muirfield DR SW **City:** Cedar Rapids **IA** **Zip Code:** 52404 **County:** Linn

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Director's Name: Veronica Castro **Center Phone Number:** 319-899-6063

On-Site Supervisors: Veronica Castro **E-Mail Address:** director@fofcr.com taryn@fofcr.com

Date of Complaint: 05-10-2023 **Date of Visit:** 05-11-2023

[ ] 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:

On 5/10/2023, a complainant reported staff fed pork several times to a 1yo child which is not allowed in the family's religion. The complainant reported the 1yo child also has a doctor's note.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.12(1)d Program provides experiences in harmony with ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Inspection Findings:

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On 5/11/2023, licensing conducted a visit to Fields of Fun Child Care. The following is based upon a face-to-face interview with owner Taryn Krahmer, a face-to-face interview with current center cook, a face-to-face interview with 1yo room lead teacher and observations while on-site:

109.12(1)d Program provides experiences in harmony with ethnic and cultural backgrounds. RULE VIOLATED.
- Ms. Krahmer acknowledged she was already aware of the situation prior to this licensing complaint being conducted. Ms. Krahmer discussed how she did talk with the 1yo child's mother who is also an employee of the center, immediately conducted an internal investigation and did put additional practices/safeguards in place regarding foods served. Ms. Kramer talked about how what happened was not intentional, how she does not want this to happen again, and how she wants employees to do their best work to provide a high quality childcare experience.
- Licensing observed a designated area in the kitchen noting child food modifications including child's name, photo and necessary food modification.
- Ms. Krahmer reported the center has a temporary cook who has been filling in while their primary cook has been on leave. Licensing and Ms. Krahmer talked with the temporary cook. The temporary cook discussed how she assumed foods such as meatballs were all beef, and it was not until she reviewed the actual label ingredients she discovered some foods do contain a combination of beef, chicken and pork. She indicated that moving forward she will check all labels. She acknowledged understanding the importance of diet modifications. She denied making any statements about how it's just food and not going to harm the 1yo child.
- Licensing and Ms. Krahmer talked with the lead teacher in the 1yo child's classroom. The lead teacher discussed how staff in the room double check food being served to any child with a diet modification. The lead teacher reported questioning serving the recent meatballs to the 1yo child but that the cook responded saying they were okay. The lead teacher acknowledged understanding the importance of diet modifications, and if something doesn't appear accurate, she will go to management prior to serving it.
- Ms. Krahmer talked about how she already spoke with their food vendors specifically requesting any foods their center purchases (e.g. meatballs, sausage) do not contain pork. Ms. Krahmer discussed how their primary cook will be returning next week. Ms. Krahmer talked about how she has requested the 1yo child's parent speak with management weekly regarding the menu. Ms. Krahmer reviewed how their policies do allow food brought from home regarding diet modifications when parents feel more comfortable doing this. Ms. Krahmer reported the 1yo child continues to attend the program and is eating center food knowing the additional safeguards put into place.

Special Notes and Action Required:

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 DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care 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 DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Consultant's Signature:

Amy Lyons

Date:

05-12-2023