Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Little Sabers Childcare Center **Enrollment:** 37 **License ID:** 49192

Street: 2204 Highway G71 **City:** Bussey **IA** **Zip Code:** 50044 **County:** Marion

Mailing Address: PO Box 182

Mailing City: Lovilia **IA** **Zip Code:** 50150

Director's Name: Jessica Manser **Center Phone Number:** 641-218-0156

On-Site Supervisors: Amy Major **E-Mail Address:** littlesaberscc@gmail.com

Date of Complaint: 08-12-2024 **Date of Visit:** 08-13-2024

[ ] 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:

A child (age 4) was touched inappropriately by other daycare children on 8/12/24. The daycare staff were unaware of the situation. Another child (age 5) was touched inappropriately by other daycare children on 8/12/24. The daycare staff were unaware of the situation. It is alleged that a third child (age 5) was touched inappropriately by other daycare children on 8/12/24. The daycare staff were unaware of the situation.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.8(2) Ratio maintained in center as required by age.

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

109.12(1) Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.

109.15(1) Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.

Inspection Findings:

The determination of this report was based on staff, child and administration statements. The program self reported. HHS personnel met with the children and families in their homes.

The Director reported the following, "One female child and two male children snuck under a blanket together and were touching each others private parts. The female child stated she kissed the boy's penis. The boys stated they touched each other's breasts and private parts, including touching the female child. The boys stated their clothes were not taken off. The female stated her clothes were taken off. The teacher was not aware of this. This occurred during rest time. The teacher was in the room when this occurred." The Director talked to all 3 parents. One mom reached out to other daycare families. Other reports by the Director indicate three boys were urinating outdoors through the fence. The teacher is Marissa H.

A parent of another child indicated her child reported children have touched each other inappropriately prior to this occasion.

Marissa, the staff supervising the children did write an incident report. I interviewed Marissa on 8/13/24. She indicated she did not observe any of the reported concerns. She was not aware of the boys urinating outdoors. She further indicated she typically has 15 school age children and works from 8 a.m to 5 pm. She indicated she is sometimes not given restroom breaks. She reported last week she had 17 children in the classroom between four years old and 12 years old. The day of the incidents she had approximately 15 children. She indicated she just talked to the OSS Amy M. yesterday about the blankets causing issues in the room, mainly with cleanliness, and children fighting over them. She stated four children were watching a movie on an IPAD. She stated three children were rough housing and she directed them to sit down at a desk. She indicated she was sitting at a desk for a portion of the rest period, but also got up to got a drink and then walked around the room another time. She stated the light was off and the blinds were down but she could still see all the children. She stated some of the children run around the room so she tries to take them outdoors frequently. Some of the children in the room are hard to redirect. She stated sometimes the children become bored and there isn't enough for them to do.

The staff in the room is not CPR certified and has not had essentials. She was just rehired in June 2024 so has until September to get required trainings. She is 19 years old. Children have also urinated outdoors on two occasions she was not aware of. The Director indicated the room was out of ratio by one child on once occasion and provided documentation indicating ratio was met all days but one.

1. 109.10(16)a The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision. Children should not be allowed to sit or lay beside one another with blankets. Children should be observable at all times. The staff was not providing careful supervision when three children were allowed to touch one another unnoticed by staff. VIOLATION

2. 109.12(1) Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.
Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
109.12(1)a Program provides a curriculum or program of activities that promotes self-esteem and positive self-image, social interaction, self-expression and communication, creative expression, and problem-solving skills. Programming was not being provided using developmentally appropriate practices. Children should not have been allowed to lay near each other with blankets. VIOLATION

3. 109.8(2) Ratio maintained in center as required by age. The Director and staff indicated ratio was over on at least one occasion for at least an hour and a half. VIOLATION

Special Notes and Action Required:

The program contacted CCR&R for help and guidance on 8/12/24. . They will provide trainings on healthy sexual development as well as careful supervision. They are also working with the program on curriculum. The Director moved a shelf that could have been a blind spot and impeded the teacher's ability to see the entire room. She took all blankets out of the school age room and children will be appropriately spaced during rest time or movie time moving forward. The staff in the room is no longer working at the center. An on site supervisor is present at this site.

CCNC Lauderman reached out to the Director on 8/27/24 to provide PALS training in the future. This will assist the program with structure and age appropriate curriculum including outdoor and gross motor activities.

Consultant's Signature:

Jill Seibert

Date:

08-28-2024