

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Laura Cole		County Dubuque	
Care Address 30 Devon DR		City Dubuque	Zip Code 52001
Mailing Address 30 Devon DR		Mailing City Dubuque	Mailing Zip Code 52001
Phone 563-564-3499		Email	

Date of Complaint:	08/28/2024	Date of Visit:	08/30/2024
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Type of Visit			
☐ Scheduled		☒ Unannounced	
		☐ N/A	

Compliance Regulation	
☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found	
☐ Compliance with Regulations Found	

Recommendation for Registration:	
☐ No Changes to registration status recommended	
☐ Revocation of Registration	
☐ Cancellation of Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement	

Category of Care:	
☒ Category A	
☐ Category B	
☐ Category C (with no co-provider)	
☐ Category C (with co-provider)	
☐ Non-registered Child Care Home with CCA Provider Agreement	

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:	
CCR&R consultant went to the home of Laura Cole to roll fingerprints for her renewal. While there, worker observed a 10 month old child in a bassinet type location lying on their stomach with a blanket in there with the child. Laura informed worker that the blanket was hanging on the side of the bassinet and the infant must have pulled it into the bassinet with her. Cherie addressed the unsafe sleep situation and the child was woken up.	

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

Code of Iowa, Chapter 237A

441 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 110

441 IAC 110.7(1) The provider a. Gives careful supervision at all times. b. Frequently exchanges information with the parent of each child to enhance the quality of care. c. Gives consistent, dependable care. Is capable of handling emergencies. d. Is present at all times, except if emergencies occur or an absence is planned. If absence is planned, care is provided by a HHS-approved substitute.

441 IAC 110.8(5) Safe Sleep. a. Provider shall follow safe sleep practices as recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age. Infants are placed on back to sleep. Infants are placed on firm mattress with tight fitted sheet that meets CPSC standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on bed, sofa, air mattress, or other soft surface. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets or loose bedding is allowed in sleeping area. Co-sleeping is not allowed. Sleeping infants will be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternative sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with state of medical reason is required. b. No child is allowed to sleep in items not designed for sleeping, including but not limited to, infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. c. Crib or crib-like furniture, waterproof mattress covering, and sufficient bedding that meets CPSC or ASTM standards is provided for each child under two years of age. No restraining devices are used. d. Items used for sleeping are used in compliance with manufacturing standards for age and weight of the child.

HHS Huinker completed an unannounced visit on 8/30/2024. Cherie Kennedy, Child Care Resource and Referral, accompanied this worker. We again discussed the concerns regarding the unsafe sleep environment previously observed. Laura stated that the blanket was either on the side of the bassinet or hanging on the nearby pack and play. Laura states that the child must have pulled the blanket into the bassinet although the child was reportedly observed to be lying on top of the blanket, as if it had been placed in there prior to laying the child down. When this worker contacted Laura on the phone earlier in the week to complete a verbal safety plan, HHS Huinker informed Laura that a visit would occur either the morning on 8/29 or 8/30. Laura stated that she would be available both days. Despite Laura knowing basically when this worker would be stopping by, Laura was still over numbers on 8/30/24, exceeding her allowed capacity for a category A registered child care provider. HHS Huinker added Laura being over numbers to the written safety plan that already included safe sleep. Laura also had a pack and play that had holes in the netting, which presents a hazard to children using that pack and play. This concern was also added to the written safety plan. Laura agreed to get a new pack and play and discontinue use of this damaged one. Cherie Kennedy offered cots to Laura for her older children in care, however Laura declined cots stating that she has 'fold out beds' for older children to use.

Findings:

There is a preponderance of evidence to support the concern that Laura had an infant in an unsafe sleep environment. This is evidenced by direct observation from a visiting CCR&R worker.

Resolution and Action Required:

A verbal safety plan was completed with Laura on 8/27/2024. Laura agreed to follow safe sleep practices at all times. A written safety plan was completed with Laura on 8/30/2024. Written safety plan included safe sleep requirements, number of children, and safe equipment. Safety plan was signed in the presence of CCR&R worker Cherie Kennedy. Additional unannounced visits may occur to ensure the safety plan is being followed.

Consultant's Signature:

Kathy Huinker

Date of Visit:

09/10/2024



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Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	09/10/2024
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