

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Cynthia Anderson		County Marshall	
Care Address 404 Sharon AVE		City Marshalltown	Zip Code 50158
Mailing Address 404 Sharon AVE		Mailing City Marshalltown	Mailing Zip Code 50158
Phone 641-752-8051		Email	

Date of Complaint:	09/03/2024	Date of Visit:	09/04/2024
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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:	
The Department received a complaint of potential use of corporal punishment during potty training. The complaint also mentioned potential marijuana smoking in the garage.	

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):**Rules:**

110.8(6)a "Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking, and slapping is not used."
110.8(6)c "No punishment is administered because of... or lack of progress in toilet training."
110.8 "Conditions in the home shall be safe, sanitary, and free from hazards."

Findings:

I conducted an unannounced spot check visit with providers on 9/4/2024 and report the following:

- The complaint report itself described the "corporal punishment" incident as something that took place approximately 10 months earlier, resulted in no injuries to a child, and resulted in no marks on a child. The report indicated the provider admitted to the reporter that she had struck the child.
- Provider Cynthia Anderson denies ever using any punishment with children, especially with potty training. The provider denies at any time reporting to a parent that a child was struck as a form of discipline.
- I checked the detached garage. The garage is single stall, detached, and not accessible to children. It does not appear to be used to house a vehicle, but is set up more as a workshop. The provider admitted she rarely goes into the garage, that it's mostly used on weekends by her adult kids who work on projects. I found no evidence of active marijuana smoking during my visit, though did see some marijuana paraphernalia including a small bong, an ash tray, and some blunt clips.
- The provider was surprised by our discovery and immediately took responsibility. She stated all of this would be removed and disposed of same day. We reviewed that all parts of the property must remain free from hazards or illegal substances. I reminded provider she was ultimately responsible for the activities of any visitors on her property, even during non-child care hours.

Resolution and Action Required:

I have no evidence of corporal punishment, disciplinary practices related to potty training, or any general non-compliance in disciplinary practices.

I did find non-compliance in the hazard-free environment. Clear evidence that use of marijuana occurs in the detached garage. Though the garage is not accessible to the child care operation, all of this must be cleaned out and cease immediately. I will be conducting an unannounced re-check of the garage in the coming months to ensure a hazard free environment.

Addendums:

- Addendum1: I conducted an unannounced re-check on 12/20/2024. All the marijuana paraphernalia has been removed from the detached garage.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 12/27/2024 7:43:50 AM

Consultant's Signature:	Earl Crow	Date of Visit:	10/31/2024
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	12/27/2024