Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Mahaska Early Learning Program **Enrollment:** 60 **License ID:** 25017

Street: 1521 Green Street **City:** Oskaloosa **IA** **Zip Code:** 52577 **County:** Mahaska

Mailing Address: 414 N 3rd St

Mailing City: Oskaloosa **IA** **Zip Code:** 52577

Director's Name: Meagen Hugen **Center Phone Number:** 641-676-7700

On-Site Supervisors: Christi Parker and Kaye Betz **E-Mail Address:** meagan.mccartie@mahaskaymca.org

Date of Complaint: 06-22-2023 **Date of Visit:** 07-12-2023

[ ] 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:

Construction workers were allowed to do work in a classroom, which was occupied by day care children; during which time the ladder broke and fell onto a 6 month old infant, causing an abrasion above his right eye and small abrasion and cut on his right hand and a bruise on his right knee. The injuries were accidental.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

Inspection Findings:

The determination of this report was based on interviews with the child's father, program Director Megan Hugen, in person interviews with OSS Parker and staff member in the room supervising the child (Amy H.), an in-person observation of the room and a review of the incident report.

All parties indicated construction workers were allowed to do work in a classroom, which was occupied by day care children; during which time a ladder broke and fell onto a 6-month-old infant, causing an abrasion above his right eye and small abrasion and cut on his right hand and a bruise on his right knee. The injuries were accidental. The worker supervising the child attempted to stop the ladder by sticking her leg out. Father of the child indicated injuries would have been more pronounced had staff not intervened. Father of the child reported he was taken to the ER and received treatment for minor injuries and appeared to be acting normally the day after the incident. The child returned to care at the center the next day.

CCR&R Consultant Lauer visited the program 7/5/23 and did not observe any safety hazards. She visited each room.

I made an unannounced complaint visit to the program on 7/12/23 and observed no safety hazards. I visited with OSS Christi Parker and Amy H. Amy showed me how the incident occurred and how she attempted to intervene. I further observed all infants in the room who appeared to be clean and content.

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Special Notes and Action Required:

The center immediately enacted a new policy indicating no construction or maintenance people are allowed to work in the building while children are present in the area. CCR&R Consultant Lauer visited the program 7/5/23 and did not observe any safety hazards. She visited each room. The center will continue to access CCR&R and IDPH CCNC.

Consultant's Signature:

Jill Seibert

Date:

07-13-2023