IOWA HHS **Iowa Department of Health And Human Services**

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider LaToya Davis	**County** Scott	
Care Address 1441 W 8th ST	**City** Davenport	**Zip Code** 52802
Mailing Address 1441 W 8th ST	**Mailing City** Davenport	**Mailing Zip Code** 52802
Phone 309-716-9063	**Email**	

Date of Complaint:	08/01/2024	**Date of Visit:**	08/05/2024

Type of Visit

[ ] Scheduled [X] Unannounced [ ] N/A

Compliance Regulation

[X] Non-Compliance with Regulations Found [ ] Compliance with Regulations Found

Recommendation for Registration:

[X] No Changes to registration status recommended

[ ] Revocation of Registration

[ ] Cancellation of Child Care Assistance Provider Agreement

Category of Care:

[X] 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:

Concerns reported that young children wandered from provider's home and were found unattended late at night while provider reportedly slept.

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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. 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. If absence is planned, the parents are given at least 24 hours prior notice.

On 8/5/2024, HHS workers Kathy Huinker and Rodney Blue met with LaToya at her child development home to discuss the presenting concerns. LaToya reported that on the date in question, she had three children in care. She reported that they had dinner and watched a movie that evening. LaToya reported that she then put the children to bed on the main floor and continued to hang out on that level with the children until approximately 10:00 p.m when she went upstairs to get herself ready for bed. LaToya reported that she thought the children's parent was getting off at 11:00 p.m., however the parent texted staying it would be closer to midnight. LaToya stated that she fell asleep and this is when the young children left the home. LaToya stated that her dogs did not make any noise either to alert her that the kids were moving around. LaToya reported that she locks her front door regularly, therefore the children must have gone past the baby gates and out the back door of the home. The children were spotted by a neighbor and they were not able to locate where they had come from thus resulting in the neighbor contacting the police department. The children had reportedly been missing for almost an hour and LaToya was not aware they had left the home. This child's parent had previously informed LaToya of the child's tendency to get up during the night. There are screen shots of a conversation between LaToya and the parent where the parent asked LaToya to sleep downstairs with the child. LaToya had informed the parent she would sleep downstairs on the main level with the kids and she did not.

We discussed what LaToya can do to ensure that something like this does not occur again and what she can do to keep children safe at all times. LaToya had already purchased an alarm and placed alarms on both the front and back doors. LaToya also put safety knobs on the doorknobs as an extra precaution. This worker viewed the alarms in place and had LaToya set them off to ensure they were both functioning. LaToya agreed that she would turn the alarms on whenever she has third shift children in care and further stated that if she is aware a child is a "wanderer" she will also turn them on.

Findings:

There is a preponderance of evidence to support the concern that LaToya did not provide safe supervision to children in her care. This is evidenced by young children leaving the home without LaToya realizing they were gone for close to an hour.

Resolution and Action Required:

A written safety plan was completed with LaToya on 8/5/2024. The plan stated that LaToya would always sleep on the main level of the home with child care children and would turn the installed door alarms on every time she has third shift children and every time she has a child who is known to get up during the night.

Consultant's Signature:	Kathy Huinker	**Date of Visit:**	09/03/2024
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	**Date of Visit:**	09/03/2024