

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center:	Apple Kids-Cedar Rapids	Enrollment:	98	License ID:	48222
Street:	1525 Hollywood BLVD NE	City:	Cedar Rapids	IA Zip Code:	52402
County:	Linn				
Mailing Address:	600 10TH AVE				
Mailing City:	Marion	IA Zip Code:	52302		
Director's Name:	Alyssa Colvin	Center Phone Number:	319-363-1539		
On-Site Supervisors:	Danielle Lindstrom	E-Mail Address:	applekidsnoelridge@gmail.com		

Date of Complaint: 02-04-2026**Date of Visit:** 02-06-2026☐ Scheduled ☒ Unannounced ☐ NA☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found ☐ Compliance with Regulations Found**RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE**☒ 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 ☒ NoDid this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No**Summary of Complaint:**

On 2/4/2026, a complainant reported observing unsafe sleep practices including an infant swaddled in a fuzzy swaddler in a crib and two tiny infants swaddled in similar fuzzy swaddlers sleeping in infant rocking chairs.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.12(4)e The provider shall follow safe sleep practices for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their backs for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child shall be allowed to sleep in any item not designed for infant sleeping, including but not limited to an infant seat, car seat, swing, or bouncy seat. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant. No co-sleeping shall be allowed. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required and an expiration date.

Inspection Findings:

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On 2/4/2026, licensing conducted an unannounced visit to Apple Kids - Cedar Rapids. The below is based upon discussions with management including director and owner, face-to-face discussion with infant room staff, review of administrative items, and observations while on-site.

CONCLUSION: Rule was VIOLATED.

- On 2/4/2026, an infant was observed swaddled and in a crib. When asked, infant room staff admitted infants are sometimes positioned in devices on the floor (e.g. boppy pillows) when eating from bottles. Infant room staff also admitted infants sometimes sleep in devices positioned on the floor.
- On 2/4/2026, licensing, infant room staff and management reviewed safe sleep rules including only using US CPSC approved sleep sacks that do not have built in swaddling, are not thick or fluffy and/or are not weighted. Licensing, infant room staff and management reviewed that no bottles shall be propped for any child and that each child shall either be held during bottle feeding or positioned in a highchair with safety straps fully engaged during eating. Licensing, infant room staff and management additionally talked about how all equipment used on-site shall meet US CPSC standards and be used according to manufacturer instructions (e.g. height, weight, duration, purpose) including infant devices (e.g. bouncy seats, infant swings, boppy pillows).
- Management talked about recent staffing changes within their own management team as well as infant room. Management agreed to provide a better orientation to infant cares and rules with each infant room staff. Management also acknowledged working with the local CCNC (child Care Nurse Consultant) Angela Easley to help provide resources and guidance on infant cares.

Special Notes and Action Required:

Licensing strongly supports each staff responsible for infant cares participate in additional training related to safe sleep, reducing the risk of SIDS, infant play activities and/or infant feeding. There are such trainings in ipower which are free and/or at low cost and can be counted as staff annual professional development hours. If needed, CCR&R (Child Care Resource and Referral) can assist staff in finding and signing up for training.

Based upon the above, no response to this report is requested.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The childcare director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Consultant's Signature:

Amy Lyons

Date:

03-13-2026