Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Kids World Inc **Enrollment:** 72 **License ID:** 7238

Street: 1408 Robbins St **City:** Sac City **IA** **Zip Code:** 50583 **County:** Sac

Mailing Address: 1408 Robbins St

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Director's Name: Kellie Wedeking **Center Phone Number:** 712-662-7259

On-Site Supervisors: Kari Friedmann **E-Mail Address:** kwsc@frontiernet.net

Date of Complaint: 12-28-2023 **Date of Visit:** 01-03-2024

[X] Scheduled **[ ]** 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:

A complaint was received that a child had injuries on their back from being dragged across the floor by a teacher.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.12(2) Center shall have written policy on discipline of children which provides for positive guidance, with direction for resolving conflict and setting of limits.

Inspection Findings:

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A scheduled visit was made to the Kids World daycare center where IDHHS coworker Theresa Stuckenschneider and I met with the center director Kelli Wedeking, and assistant director Kari Friedmann. Both were aware of the concern and Kelli was able to show video from the center closed circuit video system of the incident. The video showed the classroom with several children and the teacher present in the room. Kelli identified that it was during nap time with some children napping and others engaged in quiet activity options. The teacher was heard to direct the child away from a peer an to another activity/area of the classroom. The child did comply but protested that they had not done anything. The child and teacher had a verbal exchange culminating with the child telling the teacher, "no you knock it off". It was at that point that the teacher approached the child to take the child to another classroom and grabbed the child by the feet/ankles dragging the child across the floor to the other room. Kelli and Kari did confirm that injuries had been observed on the child's back. Kelli did provide a copy of an incident report completed by the teacher involved. The incident reported was dated 12-28-23 at 2:12 PM and identified the child involved and the teacher involved as the witness. The incident stated, "He was being drug on the floor by a friend thinking it was funny after I told they to stop". Kelli identified that the report was completed in the electronic communication app used by the center and was provided to the parent without review by administration.

We were able to speak to the employee, (Megan), who had been in the other classroom. Megan stated that she could hear the children in other room being loud, and then the door opened and she saw the employee identified in the complaint pulling the child by the ankles into the classroom. Megan stated that the other employee returned to her classroom, and the child said that their back hurt. Megan stated that she did see a mark on the child's lower back, but did not have the child remove their shirt or pull it up higher to see if there were any other injuries. Megan stated that the child was upset but was fine within about 15 minutes.

Based on the information obtained this complaint is SUBSTANTIATED for violation of Licensing Standard 109.12(2)a-d which requires that the center shall have written policy and practice on discipline of children which provides for positive guidance, with direction for resolving conflict and setting of limits, and which among other things prohibits the use of corporal punishment. All parties agree, and video evidence clearly shows that the employee identified in the complaint did drag the child identified in the complaint across the floor by the feet/ankles as a part and form of discipline in response to the child's behavior. This would be considered corporal punishment and is prohibited.

Special Notes and Action Required:

This complaint is SUBSTANTATIED for the cited licensing standards. Kelli did confirm that the center had taken administrative action. Included in that was a review and revision of center policy that includes all incident reports will be reviewed and signed off on by center administrative personnel prior to incident reports being provided to parents. A full license will remain in effect. No further actions are required or recommended.

Consultant's Signature:

Ray Salsbury

Date:

01-10-2024