

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Mary Conn	County Des Moines	
Care Address 202 Leffler ST	City West Burlington	Zip Code 52655
Mailing Address 202 Leffler ST	Mailing City West Burlington	Mailing Zip Code 52655
Phone 319-750-0815	Email	

Date of Complaint:	09/12/2024	Date of Visit:	09/17/2024
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Type of Visit

☐ Scheduled	☒ Unannounced	☐ N/A
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Compliance Regulation

☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found	☐ Compliance with Regulations Found
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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
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Did this complaint result in a death to a child?	☐ Yes	☒ No
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Summary of Complaint:

It is reported that the provider, Mary Conn, was observed slapping a child's hand in front of the City Hall building. It was also reported that a month earlier, a child had "pinch" marks on their arm after returning home from Mary's daycare.

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Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

110.8(6)Discipline:

a. Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking, and slapping is not used.

Mary reports that she was returning back to the daycare from the park and she was pulling two children in a wagon. Mary stated that one of the children pinched the other child in the wagon. Mary reports that she "tapped" the child's hand and told them "no". SW Bailey spoke with West Burlington Police officer, Chris Chiprez, who stated that he responded to the scene and that the witness said that Mary raised her hand and "slapped" the child's hand several times.

SW Bailey talked to Mary about the incident. Mary said that she was frustrated with the child for pinching the other child. Mary said that both children were in the wagon, and she did not have a way to separate them and didn't know what to do. Mary said that she only lightly "tapped" the child's hand but agreed that when speaking to the police officer, she admitted that she "slapped" the child's hand.

SW Bailey talked with Mary about the expectation that no physical discipline shall be used in her registered daycare home. Mary said that she was frustrated and didn't know what else to do. SW Bailey said that she would make referrals to CCR&R and CCNC to assist Mary with other discipline techniques to use with a child that pinches.

A month earlier there was a reported concern that the same child came home from Mary's daycare with pinch marks on their arm. Another employee of HHS talked to Mary about these concerns. Mary denied pinching the child and showed the HHS employee a mark on her arm where she says the child pinched her. It was decided that it could not be determined where the child obtained the marks on their arm, they could have pinched themselves, someone could have pinched the child, or the child received a pinch-like mark from playing on a slide.

Resolution and Action Required:

Mary signed a safety plan dated 9/17/2024 agreeing to abide by the expectation that "corporal punishment including spanking, shaking and slapping is not used."

SW Bailey made referrals to CCR&R and CCNC to assist Mary with other discipline options.

Consultant's Signature:	Holly Bailey	Date of Visit:	09/23/2024
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	09/23/2024