



Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE COMPLIANT

Name of Provider Erika Bierstedt		County Kossuth	
Care Address 404 N Heckart ST		City Algona	Zip Code 50511
Mailing Address 404 N Heckart ST		Mailing City Algona	Mailing Zip Code 50511
Phone 515-341-7081		Email	
Date of Complaint:	05/05/2025	Date of Visit:	05/09/2025
Type of Visit			
☒ Scheduled ☐ Unannounced ☐ N/A			
Compliance Regulation			
☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found ☐ Compliance with Regulations Found			
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			

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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:

On 5/2/25 provider put a clothes pin on a child's ear as a form of punishment. It is further reported that when the parent went to pick their child up, the provider's son, who is not an approved sub was there alone with the children while the provider ran an errand.

Visit by HHS took place on 5/9/25 at Erika's home in Algona. Also present was Erika's paramour Wayne. Both Wayne and Erika spoke of coming up with the idea of using a clothes pin on the ear as deterrent to negative behavior. They felt it was more an inconvenience than painful. They said they used it on Wayne's granddaughter's ear as a test and there were no physical marks left afterward. Erika confirmed that she did use the clothes pin as a punishment for the child after he was given numerous prompts to stop the negative behavior. Erika reports not noticing any injury to the child at the time.

Erika also confirmed that her son was put in charge of the children that day while she ran to the bank. There were approximately seven children present at the time. Erika reports she was gone for approximately 10 to 12 minutes. She says she has used her son before in this capacity and insists she has never been told before that she couldn't.

Rule Basis and Findings of Complaint(s):

110.7(1) The provider meets the following requirements:
d. Is present at all times, except if emergencies occur or an absence is planned.
If absence is planned, care is provided by a DHS-approved substitute.

Erika was found to be out of compliance.

110.8(6) Discipline.
a Corporal punishment including spanking, shaking, and slapping is not used.
b No punishment is used which is humiliating or frightening or causes pain or discomfort to the child.

Erika was found to be out of compliance.

Resolution and Action Required:

I reviewed HHS requirements for appropriate discipline and use of substitutes with Erika. She indicated her understanding of these. She signed a safety plan agreeing to use only HHS approved discipline and HHS approved persons to supervise the children.

No further action is required.

Consultant's Signature:	Dave Jaehrling	Date of Visit:	06/17/2025
Supervisor Signature:	Sheila Aunspach	Date of Visit:	07/22/2025