Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Teddy Bear Child Care Center Inc **Enrollment:** 47 **License ID:** 25076

Street: 2730 Bowling St SW **City:** Cedar Rapids **IA** **Zip Code:** 52404 **County:** Linn

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Director's Name: Diane Stanek **Center Phone Number:** 319-365-6534

On-Site Supervisors: Kellie Bouschlisher **E-Mail Address:** dianemstanek@gmail.com

Date of Complaint: 05-14-2024 **Date of Visit:** 05-15-2024

[ ] Scheduled **[X]** Unannounced **[ ]** NA

[X] 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 ☒ No

Did this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Summary of Complaint:

-A staff member is vaping nicotine in the laundry room and outside.

-The center may have mold.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.10(11) Smoking and use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the center and every vehicle used to transport children. Prohibited in outdoor play area during hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance and in every vehicle used to transport. Signs shall include:<ol type="a">Telephone number for reporting complaints.Internet address to DPH.

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

Inspection Findings:

109.10(11) Smoking and use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the center and every vehicle used to transport children. Prohibited in outdoor play area during hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance and in every vehicle used to transport. Signs shall include Telephone number for reporting complaints. Internet address to DPH. VIOLATED.
-The director self-reported that she was informed an employee was vaping nicotine in the laundry room and outside. The director immediately addressed these concerns with the employee. She informed the employee that they would be doing random checks to ensure that she did not have vapes on her. She informed the employee that she would also need to take breaks and leave the center premises if she wanted to vape. The director shared that she never smelt nicotine on this employee. A staff member did admit to vaping nicotine in the laundry room (on one occasion) and outside by the dumpster. All staff were reminded of the center's smoking policy and to report if they see or hear about a staff member smoking.

109.11(3)a. Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. NOT VIOLATED.
-This worker could not identify if mold was present or not. It did not smell like mold. There is one place in the kitchen upstairs where there is a spot. This has been there since the derecho. This spot appears to be water damage. The director is talking to a local contractor to resolve this concern. The contractor will see if there are any concerns of mold. The director can also reach out to public health if she has concerns about the mold.

Special Notes and Action Required:

-The director will review the center's smoking policy with all staff.

-The director will share this information with all staff: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/12683/download?inline=

-Staff must ensure that they report concerns of nicotine use to the director or by using this website: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=TXssjVoIF0aFNjinbRmw2vcriePgTwtLvNG40xpGi9RUODNOWkVWQVJSNjJOVVdDNE4yTTY3RkFQRi4u

-The director will work with a contractor to fix the one spot in the kitchen and to determine if mold is present. If mold is present the director will work with the contractor and public health. Information about mold: https://www.epa.gov/childcare/resources-about-mold-child-care-providers#:~:text=The%20way%20to%20control%20indoor%20mold%20growth%20is,including%20allergic%20reactions%2C%20asthma%2C%20and%20other%20respiratory%20issues.

Consultant's Signature:

Heidi Brown

Date:

05-29-2024