

Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Raisin' Em On Up	Enrollment: 70	License ID: 45427
Street: 100 N Main St	City: Donnellson	IA Zip Code: 52625
County: Lee		
Mailing Address: PO Box 159		
Mailing City: Donnellson	IA Zip Code: 52625	
Director's Name: Sarah Tweedy	Center Phone Number: 319-470-4351	
On-Site Supervisors: Alex Horn, Hayley Edwards and Laura McDowell	E-Mail Address: stweedy@hotmail.com	

Date of Complaint: 04-17-2019 **Date of Visit:** 04-17-2019

Scheduled Unannounced NA

Non-Compliance with Regulations Found Compliance with Regulations Found NA

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

NO CHANGES to licensing status recommended

PROVISIONAL license from _____ to _____

SUSPENSION of License

REVOCATION of License

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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:

Sarah T. transported 7 or more children at one time in center transportation on a regular basis.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.8(2)f Two adults are present when seven or more children over age three are on the premises. Two adults are present when seven or more children are being transported in one vehicle. One staff for school transportation; only in center-owned vehicle with parent authorization. One additional staff when the center contracts for transportation for seven or more children for non-school related purposes.

Inspection Findings:

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The determination of this complaint was made based upon employee interviews, and an independent piece of evidence regarding being over ratio in the form of a message provided by the DCI. The Director reports transporting children and being over ratio.

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Staff members Korissa K., Ashley K., Alisa H., Amber G. and Jordan B. reported during interviews held 4/24/19, 4/25/19, 4/26/19 and 4/29/19 that Sarah T. transported 7 or more children from one site to another by herself in the center bus on a regular basis.

DHS received corroboration regarding being over ratio during transports on 3/2/2018 between Sarah T. and Laura M. Sarah states in a message, "So Hayley says only 8 go back...how many will get off bus? I mean 9." This message was provided by the DCI.

Children must receive direct supervision when they are being transported, in loading zones, and when they get in and out of vehicles. A head count is essential to ensure that no child is inadvertently left behind in or out of the vehicle. Child deaths in child care have occurred when children were mistakenly left in vehicles, thinking the vehicle was empty.

Director Tweedy transported 7 or more children on a regular basis by herself as evidenced by report of staff and the above noted message. The Director admits to transporting more than 7 children on many occasions (typically from one center to the other). She was not aware a second staff person had to be present during transportation to and from centers.

She was aware this rule applied on field trips. Sarah T. now reports she is no longer transporting 7 or more children alone and will not do so in the future. --- VIOLATION

Special Notes and Action Required:

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 641-684-3951; email jseiber@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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

A referral for technical assistance was made to your local Child Care Resource and Referral agency for the following reason:

- Safe Sleep Practices
- Emergency Preparedness Planning
- Discipline Strategies
- Other

Consultant's Signature:

Jill Seibert

Date:

06-11-2019