

Iowa Department of Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Raisin' Em Up Early Learning Center	Enrollment: 40	License ID: 20181
Street: 607 Park 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: Laura McDowell and Nichole Loges	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:

curriculum is not being utilized on a consistent basis

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.12(1) Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.

Inspection Findings:

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The determination of this complaint was made based upon employee interviews.

1. 109.12(1) Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.

109.4(2)c Curriculum or program structure developmentally appropriate and activities designed to the developmental level/needs of children served.

During interviews on 4/24/19, 4/25/19, 4/26/19 and 4/29/19 Korissa H., Hayley E., Nichole L., Emily W., Amber G. all reported inconsistencies with curriculum. They reported it was not utilized daily on a consistent basis for the past year or more. Staff members reported the center rarely followed a written program of activities planned to meet child needs. Staff have described the center as chaotic and "fly by the seat of our pants". Staff reported oftentimes they "make it up as they go".

Professional development is often required to enable staff to develop proficiency in the development and implementation of a curriculum that they use to carry out daily activities appropriately. Planning ensures that some thought goes into indoor and outdoor programming for children. A written plan is a tool for monitoring and accountability. Also, a written plan is a tool for staff and parent/guardian orientation. Early childhood expertise is necessary to guide the curriculum and opportunities for children in programs.

Facilities should have a written comprehensive and coordinated planned program of daily activities appropriate for groups of children at each stage of early childhood. This plan should be based on a statement of principles for the facility and each child's individual development. The objective of the program of daily activities should be to foster incremental developmental progress in a healthy and safe environment, and the program should be flexible to capture the interests and individual abilities of the children.

Staff reported curriculum was utilized at times but not consistently. Curriculum provides structure and direction. Specific educational and learning goals should be identified and followed to foster development in this critical time for child development. Sarah T. reports Creative Curriculum and Ages and Stages Milestones are used in the infant and toddler rooms. Sarah T. denies curriculum was not being utilized. This statement is not consistent with staff reports. 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

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Consultant's Signature:

Jill Seibert

Date:

06-11-2019