

blanket was not over the child's face. They reported the blanket was placed under the child's chin to hold the child's binky in. The staff member had to take a bathroom break and she did not want the child upset when the child arrived to pick the child up. She told all staff members that blankets can never be put near a child's face for safety reasons.

Ms. Stamatiades provided me written statements from each of the staff members. The statement from Stephanie reads, "I Stephanie (last name) was in the bathroom when baby (child's) mom showed up. The mom talked to Carrie. But I had put (the child) in the swing so I could use the bathroom. I snuggled her in the swing with a blanket because her swadell wouldn't work in the swing. So I tucked her in with a blanket loose around the top so if need to she could spit her pacifier out. I was in the bathroom when mom came and (the child) was only in the swing less than 5 min. I wasn't going to leave her in there. I came out and Carrie said she doesn't want the blanket over her face. I said ok. But the blanket wasn't even over her face. Mom didn't say anything to me about anything."

Carrie's statement reads, "(The child's) mom came in and asked where her baby was? I pointed over to the swing-she said 'Absolutely not-do you know about Sids? Are you trained in this area?' I said-yes we all have to have training. (The child's) head was not covered with the blanket. The blanket was underneath her chin. Not over her head. It was in no shape or form over the head. I told Stephanie she didn't want the blanket up by her head or face. The way she looked I must have misspoke. She got her baby and her stuff and left."

Lisa's statement reads, "Jan. 2, 2014, 3:50. I was coming down the stairs with child, when she came in. I went back upstairs with dishes, that's when Carrie had mention to Stephine about not putting blanket on her head. Stephine said that she put it under chin, not over head around neck. Then the mom asked for her breast milk. I asked Carrie to get it because I was from down stairs."

Special Notes and Action Required:

109.11(3)a(1). Center and premises are sanitary, safe and hazard free. NOT VIOLATED. Ms. Stamatiades was not present at the time of the incident to see the situation first hand. She has only the statements of her workers to determine what occurred. All three workers denied the blanket was over the child's head. The mother is insistent the blanket was over the child's head and was very upset by the situation. Unfortunately, this is a situation of one person's word against another person's word and there is no concrete information or proof to support the concern at this time.

I am concerned that a staff member would use a blanket to hold a binky in a child's mouth. This may never occur. If a staff member cannot hold the child and assist the child with the binky, then the binky should not be propped or used. Blankets should never be placed higher than a child's shoulders for safety and SIDS concerns. Please continue to emphasize this with all staff members.

At this time, the status of the center's license is unchanged. If you would like to respond to this report, please do so in writing and I will include the information in the licensing file.

Consultant's Signature:



Date:

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