

person to leave. The person asked “why”, next went to the kitchen to get a snack, and then agreed to leave.

109.6(5). A volunteer shall be at least 16 years of age. RULE WAS VIOLATED. COMPLAINT IS VALID. Mrs. and Mr. Moser talked about how their son is almost 15-years-old and comes to the center sometimes to “hang out”. Mrs. Moser also reported that another relative who is 15-years-old sometimes comes to the center to do crafts with the children. Mrs. Moser and Mr. Moser reviewed Iowa Code Chapter 109 regarding the definition of a child care center, the need for each program to have and follow an unauthorized access policy, and the definition of a volunteer needing to be at least 16 years of age or older. We also discussed how an exception to policy is required to provide child care to children over the age of 12 years.

While at the center 4/21/2014 and 4/28/2014, the following additional rule violations were observed:

109.8(2). Ratio was not maintained as required by code. Ms. Moser had 14 children age 2-years through school-age in the front room by herself before additional staff arrived. At 7:15am, Mr. Moser arrived on-site. Mrs. Moser reported Mr. Moser is in ratio. However, Mr. Moser was observed primarily in the kitchen area (which is not visible from the main room) and/or in the utility areas and not involved in programming with the children [Rule 109.8(1)c]. As of 4/28/2014, documentation on-site indicated ratio was still being violated between the hours of 5:30am and 8:00am.

109.8(2). Every child-occupied room shall have adult supervision present in the room. Two school-age children were observed sleeping in the preschool-age room with no adult supervision. One 2-year-old child was observed sleeping in a crib in the infant room with no adult supervision.

109.12(4). Individual covered mats, beds, or cots and appropriate bedding shall be provided for all children who nap. The two school-age children who were observed sleeping did not have a barrier between their bodies and the sleep mats.

109.12(1). The center shall have a written curriculum or program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and a written program of activities planned according to the developmental level of the children. The program shall be designed to provide children with activities. The center shall post a schedule of the program in a visible place. On 4/21/2014, children (age infant through school-age) and staff were observed watching movies from 6:50am until 8:10am. It is important to note, during this moving watching time, some children did participate in breakfast and some children did transition to their school/preschool day. However, the television remained on for those not eating breakfast and/or old enough to attend school/preschool. The daily schedule did not include any daily programming for the hours of 5:30am to 7:30am. Mrs. Moser reported that the children usually watch movies in the morning. Mrs. Moser reported she has verbal permission from all child care parents to show G-rated and PG-rated movies. Mrs. Moser denied showing any other movies. However, there were at least 7 movies on the shelves that were PG-13-rated (including Superman Returns, Iron Man, Spider Man, Batman Returns, and Transformers).

109.15(1). Each child served a full nutritionally balanced meal or snack as defined by CACFP guidelines and serving sizes for meal and snacks are followed. On 4/21/2014, breakfast included Trix cereal with milk. Breakfast did not meet CACFP guidelines.

109.15(5). Food preparation and storage procedures are consistent with NHSPS. Expired food was observed on-site (dry food items and perishable food items). Open food was not labeled and dated. On 4/21/2014, thermometers were not within the required temperature range for food safety purposes. This was remedied by 4/28/2014.

109.11(3)a(1). Center and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. On 4/21/2014, an CD player was positioned on a high shelf with the cord hanging down into an infant crib. Also, an outlet was found to be uncovered in the infant room. Mrs. Moser was made aware of these hazards. It is important to note, Mrs. Moser did correct the items related to this citation on 4/21/2014.

109.8(2)f. Only one adult is required when a center is transporting children in a center-owned vehicle with parent authorization for the sole purpose of transporting children to and from school. 109.8(2)g. Any child care center-sponsored program activity involving five or more children conducted away from the licensed facility shall provide a minimum of one additional staff over the required staff ratio for the protection of the children. On 4/21/2014, a total of 13 children (5 school-age children who attend West Elementary School; 5 school-age children who attend East Elementary School; and 3 preschool-age children who attend preschool at Kidsville) were being walked off the center’s property to school or preschool. Only 1 staff was being used to walk those children.

Special Notes and Action Required:

On 4/21/2014, a daily child sign-in/sign-out log was not being used. Mrs. Moser reported she does keep track of children’s arrival and departure times in her head and then records them on a computer spread sheet later in the day. Upon reviewing a previous day’s spreadsheet, Mrs. Moser stated she rounds the times in which the children arrive to and depart from the program. Mrs. Moser was informed of the safety issues related to this as well as the concerns about inaccurate bookkeeping including fraud. On 4/28/2014 as of 2:00pm, a daily sign-in/sign-out log had not yet been completed for the day. Mrs. Moser was again informed of the safety issues related to this as well as the concerns about inaccurate bookkeeping including fraud. On 4/29/2014, Mrs. Moser reported this has

been corrected and a daily sign-in/sign-out sheet has been created for parents to fill out each day.

National Health and Safety Performance (NHSPS) "Caring For Our Children" (page 66-68) offers specific best practice guidelines for limiting screen time (media, computer time, television, video games, etc.). NHSPS discourages media viewing and computer use for children younger than 2-years-old. For children 2-years and older, NHSPS states total media time should be limited to not more than 30 minutes once a week, and for educational or physical activity use only. While Iowa's licensing standards do not currently have specific guidelines regarding media usage, ensure there are other activities/supplies out for children who do not wish to watch TV/Movies (when screen time is offered). Parents also have the right to know movies (and the duration time of movies) are a part of the daily schedule. Parents additionally have the right to intervene if they believe any media may present a health or safety hazard to their child. Also, please take note - Comm. 204, page 139 states "...Center showing copyrighted videocassette movies are bound by the US Copyright Act and required to obtain a low cost license. The Act applies to centers regardless of whether you own or rent the videocassette or whether or not you charge a fee to show it...contact the Motion Picture Licensing Corporate at 1-800-462-8855".

Please forward me a written corrective action plan within 30 days of receipt of this report. Failure to do so will result in a change in the status of the program's license. Licensing strongly recommends you seek the assistance (in making corrections) of Child Care Resource and Referral agent Keri Griswold at 319-334-5900 or 1-855-299-0499 and/or the area's health consultant Marsha Platt at 319-292-2409.

If you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 319-892-6827; email alyons@dhs.state.ia.us <<mailto:alyons@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 I have failed to provide for you any information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

Consultant's Signature:



Date:

05/13/2014