



would. Dee states when children were restless on their cots they would typically take them off the cot and have them rest on their blankets. She reports the child in question did not have problems at rest time and he did not have behavior problems. Dee states she honestly thought she had a good rapport with the child. He would often talk to her about things and he never had a problem approaching her. Dee states the mother would drop the child off at 6:45 am and she would comfort him because he would become very nervous when mom left.

She reports she is no longer teaching in a room, but goes in to help on occasion. She states she would go in to help with the school-aged children and the child would still come up to talk with her. Dee states she was shocked to hear the child brought up her name.

Dee states the child still has problems with his nerves. The first day of school he was up on the stage nervous and said he felt like he was going to throw up.

Dee states she told the father she did not do this to the child. She reports she would never push a child's head into the floor. Dee states she is more professional than that. She told him she was willing to meet with him, the mother and the psychologist. Dee states she has not spoken with the mother. The child's last day at the center was 09/11/13. She reports she always had a good rapport with both parents when she was his teacher. She reports they were going through a divorce and she did not take sides and she would listen to both of them when they wanted to talk.

Dee states when she was teaching she would make special time with the children who had a difficult time separating from their parents. They would often sit down and make a card for their mother or father. Dee states she never felt that the child's anxiety was directed at her or because of her or the other teacher. She thought it was the detachment from his parents. She would try to give him more attention to help him.

Dee states she did not push the child's head into the floor and she would never do that to a child. She reports she has always conducted herself as a professional.

I interviewed Delane, Dee's co-teacher when she was a teacher in the classroom. Delane was informed of the allegations. Delane's immediate reaction was, "No, absolutely not. She never treated any child that way." Delane states she does not recall the child being a poor "rester" at nap time and he did not cause problems in class. She states the child was nervous and liked to be funny. Delane states it makes her sad this was said about Dee.

On 09/26/13 I attempted a phone contact with the child's mother. I left a message asking her to call me.

On 09/27/13 I attempted a phone contact with the child's mother. I left a message asking her to call me. I stated if I had not heard back from her by the end of the day I would be moving forward with my determination without her input.

On 09/27/13 I attempted a phone contact with the child's father. The voicemail message left the name of an unknown female so I did not leave a message due to confidentiality. I do not have another number for the father.

As of 09/30/13 I have received no input from the mother after leaving phone messages asking her to call me.

**Special Notes and Action Required:**

109.12(2)a-d. Discipline does not allow for corporal punishment; punishment that causes humiliation, fear, pain or discomfort NOT VIOLATED. The reported incident would have occurred approximately six years ago, as this is when Dee was the child's teacher. Dee and her co-teacher at the time, Delane, denied Dee ever acted this way toward this child or any other child. Ms. Brown also states she does not believe the allegations to be true and does not believe Dee would ever treat a child that way. There is no evidence or information to support the allegations.

At this time, the status of the center's license is unchanged. I would like to thank the center for their cooperation. 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:**

09/30/2013

