

My name is Lauren Cossman. I currently own and solely run Wizard of coz daycare in Dodge city Kansas and have done so since August, 2019. I am very much for reforming the surveying of daycares from my own personal experiences in dealing with the whole department. In the time that I have been open and operating, I have had surveyors that were very pleasant but I have also had those that have very much thrown their "power" around. It doesn't take much to soil the batch. One threatened to call the city on my dog for low growling at her while being held by my daughter. My dog only growled once when they first entered my home and the surveyor proceeded to comment throughout the rest of the visit about why she had the the power to have my dog removed. I have also gotten into arguments with them before over regulation standards for what I can and can't have for play equipment. Even upon acknowledging they were wrong they then went on to add that sometimes they make mistakes but that it didn't matter and that they wanted me to remove the toy in question (a see saw) even though I was, in fact, within regulation standards. My own knowledge and love of children has even been questioned when I had a little red headed child outside and their cheeks were immediately red. We should be able to do our jobs to the full extent of what's expected of us as providers without then also constantly having to worry about emotional whiplash because one surveyor just doesn't like something. There should be a set of standards for them to have to follow and then report to across the board rather than locally. Thank you.

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