

Daycares Under Microscope as Prosecutors Stamp Out Fraud After Minnesota Firestorm

Fraud allegations against Minnesota daycares have resulted in the Trump administration putting centers nationwide under the microscope. The move comes at a time when families are increasingly stretched to afford and find quality care for their children.

CBN News spoke to Anthony Andrews, who owns a daycare center in Lynchburg, Virginia. "Being a firefighter, I had witnessed some centers that weren't high quality," he says.

That led him to open the type of center he wanted for his kids – Teachable Moments. "Yes, we're in the childcare business, but we're also in the trust business, and I want you to trust me, and I want you to trust my staff," he says.



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Across America, daycares are finding themselves under a magnifying glass since a post went viral from a YouTuber in Minnesota who uncovered alleged daycare fraud.

"They literally spelled the word wrong on their sign. This is open and blatant fraud taking place here," Nick Shirley says in one of his videos as he stands in front of the "Quality Learning Center" – one of the daycares that has come under fire.

Shirley drew attention specifically to a number of daycares run by Somali immigrants receiving millions in taxpayer assistance. His citizen reporting set off a firestorm and

national intrigue into what was actually going on behind oftentimes blacked out windows.

“We’re talking about the Quality Learning Center near downtown Minneapolis. First it was closed, then it was open, and now we’ve confirmed that it’s closed again,” reported KTSP, the ABC affiliate in Twin Cities.

The possibility of fraud, with taxpayers footing big parts of the bill, drew national outrage.

“It makes me want to knee somebody in the groin. It just makes me furious,” Sen. John Kennedy (R-LA) said on the Senate floor.

The Trump administration leapt into action, freezing some \$10 billion in federal funding for child care and social services.

“Where there are daycare centers where there are no kids, it’s a scam. It’s a big scam. It’s, like, a horrible thing,” President Trump said at an event at the White House.

A number of the daycare centers in Shirley’s post remain under investigation, and Minnesota state officials are conducting increased compliance checks on daycares that participate in government programs.

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