Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Under the Son Childcare **Enrollment:** 46 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51908

Street: 510 Date ST **City:** Schleswig Iowa **Zip** 51461 **County:** Crawford

Mailing Address: PO Box 375, Schleswig, IA, 51461

Director's Name: Stacy Jepsen **Phone Number:** 712-676-3883

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** schleswigundertheson@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-11-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 07-22-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	18	10	11	9	48
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-22-2023

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Under The Son Childcare on 5-11-2023. This is a new center in Schleswig Iowa. The center was funded by United Church of Christ and other entities. The center provides child care to infant age to school age children Monday - Friday 5:00 am to 6:00 pm. Stacy Jepsen is the director, she has many years of experience working in child care. I met with Stacy during my licensing visit. There are 46 children enrolled.

Observation of rooms:
The center looks great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and toys in each program room. The center is full and there is a waiting list. There are three program rooms - Infant room, Toddler room and School age room - the school age children weren't present at time of my visit. Rooms were in ratio.
Infant room - Twelve children and three staff were present. The daily sheets looked good. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
Toddler room two to four year olds - There were nine children and three staff present. The children were playing outside. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive having fun with the children. The room had lesson plans.
Please remove push pins/tacks from bulletin boards as they could fall on the floor and the children could put them in their mouth - health and safety hazard.
Stacy reported that she is in ratio a lot.

Nutrition:
The kitchen looks great. Meals are prepared onsite, the center employs a cook. Menus were posted. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills will be practiced and documented.
Please complete radon testing in each program room within the first year of licensing.
Oxivir Tb is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Please follow the three bottle procedure for both sanitizing and disinfecting; 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. EPA approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.

Playground:
There is a fenced playground area with a shade canopy, a stage and bench will be added
Monthly playground safety inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. The school bus provides some transportation.

Administrative records:
Stacy maintains daily contact with staff. The center has an active board.
Monthly newsletters are provided to the families.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is a excellent resource for the community.
Stacy is very enthusiastic and proud of the center. She have excellent skills as the directors, she is organized and understands the DHS licensing rules.
The center has an active board and community supports.
The center is full and there is a waiting list.
Staff had wonderful interactions with the children. Stacy has worked with their Child Care Resource and Referral worker Bailey Hill.

The center is adding a stage and a bench to the playground and they are purchasing large strollers.
The center received a grant -Farm to Early Childhood for planting flowers and vegetables.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2022 to 8-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 5-11-2023.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.