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

Name of Center: Garnavillo Community Day Care **Enrollment:** 57 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19202

Street: 205 W Watson St **City:** Garnavillo Iowa **Zip** 52049 **County:** Clayton

Mailing Address: PO Box 58, Garnavillo, IA, 52049

Director's Name: Amanda Stewart **Phone Number:** 563-964-9333

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lisa Robinson, Samantha Johnson & Brianna Werges **E-Mail:** amandagcdc@alpinecom.net

Date(s) of Visit:

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** X **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: 10-12-2017

Comments : Compliance on 10/18/17

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	8	12	15	10	45
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2019 to 03-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 03-27-2020

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 02/24/20 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Garnavillo Community Day Care. I met with Amanda Stewart, the director. Ms. Stewart has been with the program since August 2015 and started as the director on 09/17/18. Ms. Stewart has an AA in education and early childhood. She completed a 20 hours Child Care Administration course in October 2018. Lisa Robinson is an on-site supervisor and was formally the director. Ms. Robinson has been employed at the center since September 2006. Ms. Robinson has received her National Administrator Credential (NAC) and has her CDA. Samantha Johnson is also an on-site supervisor. Ms. Johnson has been with the program since August 2017. The program employs twelve staff members.

Garnavillo Community Daycare operates out of a free standing building. The program operates Monday through Friday 6:00 am until 6:00 pm. They care for infants through school-aged children. They offer a three-year-old preschool program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-11:00 am. The preschool children can stay until noon if they want lunch. There are currently 57 children enrolled.

The center operates out of four rooms; infant, toddler, preschool and school-aged. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with the children's art projects, and posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. The children's birthdays were posted. There is an area for circle time.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, Lego/blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, computer, art, dramatic play, writing, math, science/discovery, sensory table and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level so they were easily accessible to the children.

The center uses the creative curriculum in the preschool room and a modified version of creative curriculum with various other resources is used in the other rooms. The length of the themes depends on the topic. Lesson plans were available for review in all the rooms.

In the infant room daily sheets are maintained for each child. You must add a space to document activities on the form.

There was a phone with emergency numbers in the classrooms and kitchen. Emergency fire and tornado procedures were posted by the main program doors and the outdoor exits in the classrooms and gym. Daily schedules were posted in all of the rooms.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. A radon test is not necessary because the center is located in a trailer built above the ground. Fuel burning inspections are not necessary because the entire building is electric. A carbon monoxide detector is not necessary because there are no gas burning appliances. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 10/12/17.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the entrance. The mandatory reporter, child care consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

The center does not participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), but does follow the guidelines. Lunch is prepared by Clayton Ridge Middle School during the school year. Someone from the center must pick the meals up and deliver them to the center. During the summer, they purchase meals from a local restaurant. The center prepares breakfast and the morning and afternoon snack for the children.

Parents provide the formula, cereal and jar food for the infants. There is a refrigerator in the infant room and a thermometer was present. Some dirty bottles are sent home with parents and others kept at the center and put through the dishwasher.

The kitchen was observed to be clean and organized. The kitchen has a refrigerator and a stove. Thermometers were present. There is a dishwasher and one sink present for dishwashing. Lunch menus are posted in the kitchen and in each of the rooms. Breakfast and snack menus were posted in the kitchen. Allergies were posted in the kitchen area. Snacks were stored according to the NHSPS guidelines.

The center uses bleach and water to sanitize the food tables and disinfect the changing tables. Bottles were clearly labeled.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

There are pictures of the staff members with a brief biography in the entrance.

The program has a waiting list.

Ms. Stewart states they are proud of their three and four-year-old preschool program.

The program has staff longevity with their lead teachers.

The hallways are decorated with pictures of the children and their art work. There are also pictures of the children in each classroom.

The program uses ProCare software and has found it very helpful.

The program has a secured entrance.

INTERACTIONS:
I observed staff members to have positive interactions with the children. They used repetition to teach the children and asked the children questions to actively include them in the learning process. Staff members were enthusiastic and interacted with the children at their level.

WORKFORCE STABILITY:
The program uses Facebook to locate new staff members. They have also posted in the NICC site and use the high school guidance counselor. To maintain staff members they have raised the wages. They are flexible with staff members having time off and they work around college students' schedules. They provide a "Birthday Basket" to staff members on their birthdays. They try to show staff members how much they are appreciated.

WORKFORCE SKILL DEVELOPMENT:
They talk to staff members about the greatness that can come from working in child care. They let them know how great the children's hugs are and how they will grow to love the children. They invite potential staff members to come observe at the center for a day or two.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be

maintained during the renewal period.

An administrative change is being made on 03/27/20 to name Brianna Werges as an additional on-site supervisor.

*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.