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

Name of Center: New Creations Child Care & Learning Ctr at Waukee **Enrollment:** 190 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52181

Street: 831 NE Venture DR **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 3424 EP True PKWY, West Des Moines, IA, 50265

Director's Name: Angela Brandes **Phone Number:** 515-415-4390

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kelly Milkovich **E-Mail:** waukee@newcreationschildcare.com cambria.morris@newcreationschildcare.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-22-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-06-2025

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

Date Inspected: 06-19-2025

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit 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	28	42	144	36	250
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2025 to 07-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-01-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

New Creations Child Care and Learning Center at Waukee opened on 5/30/23. The center serves children six weeks to six years old. The company is owned by a corporation based out of Minnesota. This corporation also has several other centers located in the Des Moines area. The director of this center is Angela Brandes. Angela has a BA degree and past experience working in child care which includes being the director at another center in the past. Kelly Milkovich is the on-site supervisor at this center. Angela has past experience working in child care as well as professional development training experience.

Mandatory posting are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules are posted in each classroom. New Creations provides the learning curriculum for all centers. The current lesson plan, "Colors Around Us" was posted. Classrooms have age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies.

Angela assisted with today's visit. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. The center has ten classrooms. All classrooms were at or above ratio requirements today. There are four infant classrooms, two infant classes and two waddler (1's) classrooms. There are two toddler classrooms (2's) and (2/3's), two Preschool Prep classrooms (3's) and (3/4's), one PreK (4's) and one TK (5, 6).
Children were observed during individual play and learning activities, staff led activities and during transition times. Lunch was also observed. Some children were observed resting.

The center has a full service kitchen. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus reflect the center follows CACFP guidelines. Lunch served today was bean and cheese burritos, green beans, mandarin oranges and milk.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

The center's playgrounds have fencing. The center turf and grass for surfacing. The center completes monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center was very clean and had lots of natural lighting.

Staff are eligible for benefits. The corporate office also takes care of their staff by promoting wellness days for staff.

The center uses the Daily Connect smart phone app for additional communication with parents.

There is a large motor room when weather doesn't permit outdoor play.

The center is starting the IQ4K process which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

Monthly staff meetings are held.

Owners have weekly Zoom meetings with other area/related centers with the corporation.

All of the centers also have a regional manager/director.

The director of this center is organized.

Two times a year, the center closes so that staff can get professional development training.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Infant 1 had many restrictive devices in the classroom. There were approximately twelve of these type of devices, including bouncy seats, swings, excersaucers, etc. This worker recommended the center remove the majority of the devices from the classroom. This worker also recommended the center have their CCR&R consultant visit the center and work with the infant classroom staff on ways to interact, play, supervise and support the young infants. Tummy time and encouraging play that will promote development is very important and using these devices can restrict and interfere with development.

The center has a full license.

*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.