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

Name of Center: MercyOne Dubuque Child Development Ctr and PS **Enrollment:** 249 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19216

Street: 250 Mercy Dr **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52001 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 250 Mercy Dr, Dubuque, IA, 52001

Director's Name: Madeline Marty **Phone Number:** 563-589-9680

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** Madeline.Marty@mercyhealth.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-11-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 07-29-2022

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	66	76	74	10	226
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 07-18-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 7/11/23. The center director, Madeline Marty, was present for the visit along with other staff. This center is attached to the Mercy Hospital and serves children age infant through school age. This is a large center that serves primarily employees of the hospital and clinics and hospital affiliates. The center does have a school age program on non school days and a few school age children attend before and after school currently only if they have their own transportation, though the center is planning to add transportation starting the coming school year. School age children will have to be hospital employees' children, and transportation will be provided for three local schools. The center participates in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of the following program rooms: Indigo room (12 to 18 months), violet 2 room (six weeks to 12 months, moved location since the last licensing visit), blue room (18 months to two years), green room (two years), yellow rooms (two rooms, two years), teal room (twos/threes), orange rooms (two rooms, three years), violet 1 room (six weeks to 12 months), and red rooms (two rooms, four/five year old child care and four year old voluntary prek, school age on non school day). All program rooms are nicely stocked with accessible materials and postings to meet programming needs. Preschool rooms and pre-k rooms are set up with various learning/activity centers. Books are generally displayed nicely for the children in the program rooms. Program rooms with toileting children do have restroom areas adjacent with toilets and sinks. Rooms with children in diapers have appropriate diapering facilities. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, and dinner. A later afternoon snack is also served in rooms with children under age two. The center does participate in the CACFP. The center contracts meals through the hospital (IDPH licensed) kitchen with partial preparation done by the kitchen staff person at the center's kitchen area. The kitchen is organized. The lead kitchen staff is ServSafe certified.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director has experience having been the director of another center previous to this one, and there is an extended administrative staff who work together to manage this center. Much of the center staff continue to have been employed at the center for many years, and they work well together. The staff in each room were again observed to be highly engaged with the children in program activities. The center has achieved four star QRS through 9/30/23. There continues to be excellent support and resources for the center from the hospital. Program rooms are bright with windows, some at the children's level so that they can look outside. The center appears organized, and children's crafts and projects are posted throughout on display. The center takes advantage of the local AEA program where materials to supplement learning and activities are borrowed. Child and staff files and other required licensing documentation were found to be highly organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.6(6) Record checks. c. Iowa records checks. Checks and evaluations of Iowa child abuse and criminal records,

including the sex offender registry, shall be completed before the person's involvement with child care at the center.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the completed Iowa record check (no criminal history checked). This was completed while the licensing consultant was present.

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Unlabeled medications found in accessible drawer in the orange room (Hallie/Sadie).
2. Medications present without current completed authorization forms.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. 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.
1. Cleaning and sanitizing procedures not being followed per the manufacturer instructions on the sanitizing product in the violet 2 room or in the green room where there was no rinse step available (required after soapy water wash and before spraying the sanitizing solution).
2. Counter surface used for food preparation/food service activities is not being cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to this activity in the orange room (Hallie/Sadie).
3. Food and food service items observed set next to hand washing sinks in the blue and violet 2 rooms. At least 18" of space between hand washing sink and surface used for sanitary purposes.
4. Miscellaneous items that should not be accessible to children found in accessible drawers and/or cabinets in the violet 2, teal, orange, green, indigo, red, and yellow rooms.
Concerns with accessible items cited previously. Center needs more attention to what is located in accessible drawers and cabinets and ensure nothing that is labeled to keep out of reach of children or is an otherwise safety hazard is accessible.
5. Food service items comingled with other miscellaneous items in a bin on the counter in the indigo room. Store food service items in a separate and sanitary location.
6. Cleaning chemicals accessible to children in the restroom stalls of the red rooms.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
1. Activity plan not posted for violet 2 room.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following is a listing of the center's present room arrangement and maximum capacities for each room:

Violet 1 (G126, six weeks to approximately 12 months, CRIBS) = 15 children
Violet 2 (now G123 - moved from G100, six weeks to approximately 12 months, CRIBS) = 15 children
Teal (G121, two to three year old) = 17 children
Orange (G116, three to four year old) = 17 children
Orange (G112, three to four year old) = 16 children
Yellow (G110- Jenny, two to three year old) = 15 children
Yellow (G110- Lisa, two to three year old) = 14 children
Indigo (G101, approximately 12 to 18 months) = 22 children
Blue (G103, 18 to 24 months) = 28 children
Green (G105, 18 to 24 months) = 26 children
Red 2 (right side upon entry to the rooms, four/five year old prek and child care) = 21 children
Red 1 (left side upon entry to the rooms, four/five year old prek and child care and school age care in summer) = 20 children

Room G100 (formerly Violet 1) is currently not in use except as a storage or staff area. It has been removed from the license capacity.

1. Label diaper waste can for this material only in violet 2 room and relabel can in orange room (Hallie/Sadie) as it has faded.
2. Remove pads from diaper stations. Surface shall be solid and non porous for cleaning and disinfecting requirements.
3. Store mops with chemical sprays in locations not accessible to the children (not in the children's restroom areas).
4. Spray bottles at diaper station in violet 2 room need to be labeled for their contents and location of use.
5. Current license needs to be posted at the secondary entrance location (expired license was posted).
6. Ensure dishes are dried on hard sanitary surface where they can sufficiently air dry. Do not set directly on towels as was observed in the kitchen.
7. Ensure all hand washing takes place in the hand washing sink in the kitchen area. The other sink should not be used for hand washing activity.
8. Improve crib spacing in violet 2 room so there is at least three feet of space around a crib that has a child in it at any given time.

This center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.