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

Name of Center: Tracey For Tots 2 **Enrollment:** 65 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49699

Street: 2 Hartford Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2 Hartford Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50315

Director's Name: Jamicha Tracey **Phone Number:** 515-282-8681

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jahzinga Tracey **E-Mail:** traceyfortots@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-02-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-19-2024

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

Date Inspected: 03-14-2025

Comments : Fire Inspections are due at least every three years/ DSM FD LT Gene Emery

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 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	45	21	39		105
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 06-04-2025

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 6/2/25. The Director was present throughout the visit.

Permission to open was given to this center on 2/28/2018. Tracey for Tots 2 is family owned and operated. This is their second center to open, the first center is in Johnston and opened in 2015. Tracey for Tots 2 serves children aged 6 weeks to age 5. They will have a six year old in their program only if it is a sibling group. The hours of operation are from 6:30 am to 10:00 PM. (they have extended hours just this year)

The center operates in a building that was used as a child care center previously and is an old elementary school building. There are four main rooms used for child care, all enclosed.

Jamicha Tracey is the Director for the center. Jamicha has several years of experience working in child care, both in-homes and centers. Jamicha has been working on a degree related to child care. Jahzinga Tracey is listed as the on-site supervisor. Jahzinga has a BA degree in Sports Administration and several years of experience working in the child care field.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Room observations/Activities: The center creates their own lesson plans and curriculum, using a combination of curriculums found on-line. They use soapy water and bleach for cleaning/sanitation. Staff are in ratio and maintained good structure in the classrooms. The children, except for infants, were resting during the visit. The children were content and staff were responsive to the children. The classrooms have a variety of centers and toys to offer. The rooms are clean and nicely organized. Handwashing posters are hung. There was discussion to quell the use of aerosols when the children are present in the center.

Nutrition Practices: There is an on-site kitchen and dedicated kitchen staff. The center is enrolled on the CACFP food program and menus are inline with this program as well. The kitchen was clean and nicely organized. Menus were posted. Meals/snacks are served cafeteria style.

Health/Safety: if medication were to be required; it would be securely stored in the directors office. Handwashing signs are posted as required. First aid kits are available. Tornado/Fire plans and diagrams are posted as required. Emergency drills are documented to have been completed monthly with the exception of May 2025. Radon testing was completed 5/13/23 and all test results were below 4.0, thereby not due again for five years. HVAC was inspected 5/7/25.

Playground: Safety checks had been documented as completed except April and May of 2025; This playground is enclosed with chain link fencing and offers natural shade. Surfacing is wood chips.

Transportation/Field Trip: NA

Administrative Review: Fliers for mandatory reporting; handbook, consultant contact, license and non-smoking signs were posted. There were two child files reviewed and contained all required information; Two employee files reviewed and did need updated SING (Iowa) checks repeated; three child files were reviewed and contained all required information.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a secure entrance.

The Director emphasizes communication not only between staff, but also between staff and families. The Director works with staff individually and as a group to discuss strengths and needs.

The director shows staff they are appreciated and will provide food for staff and give small gifts.

The director continues to work hard to make the new location homey and clean. The classrooms are large with a good layout and natural light from tall windows.

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

109.10(15)b
Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
>center did not document completing drill May 2025

109.6(6)c
Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
>>two staff files needed updated SIGN checks

109.11(3)d
Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
>>Center did not document completed checks for April and May 2025

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is a part of the food program and is following the guidelines for the CACFP. The menus reflect the center is following the CACFP requirements.

The center has created a disaster kit as well as a disaster/evacuation plan. This is being updated and is trained upon hire and annually.

The children were content; with staff consistently engaged with the children while maintaining good structure.

*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.