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

Name of Center: Growing With Grace Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 73 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47860

Street: 3740 Utica Ridge Road Suite A **City:** Bettendorf Iowa **Zip** 52722 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 3740 Utica Ridge Road Suite A, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

Director's Name: Jill Trannel **Phone Number:** 563-505-4618

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** growingwithgracebett@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-25-2025

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

Date Inspected: 09-14-2022

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: 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	42	10	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-18-2025

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 at this center on 3/25/25. The center director states the center is now owned by Joseph Lemmon. The center is managed by the approved center director Jill Trannel. Jill was present along with several other staff on the day of the visit. The center is for profit. The center continues to operate out of leased space in a building that also includes other businesses that are entirely separate from the center. The center typically offers care to children age two and one half years through school age. School age children may attend after school and on non school days. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Program.

The center includes the following program rooms: Little sprouts room (two and one half to three and one half year old room), blooming buds room (main room, prek, four to five year old room), minion room (far side room, four/five year old children and/or school age children), older child care room (middle room, three to four year old children), and younger child care room (back room, 2 and one half to three year old room). Program rooms continue to be very well stocked with materials that are well maintained and are accessible to the children. The program spaces are colorfully decorated and include wall postings at the children's level as well. All children have to travel outside of their program rooms to use the restrooms that are located in hallway areas nearby to the rooms. The little sprouts room includes a diaper station and a hand washing sink within the program room. The other rooms do not include hand washing sinks within the rooms. There are also two hand washing sinks used by all of the other rooms in an area adjacent to the blooming buds room.

The center provides snack, lunch, and snack. Snacks are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. Lunch is currently catered to the center from a local grocery store. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The kitchen area continues to be highly organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director is educated and experienced in child care/preschool administration. The center continues to be quite pleasantly decorated and well supplied with plenty of accessible and organized materials for the children in each program room. The center has a large supply of books that are organized by topic. Children's crafts and projects were posted. The building is bright with large windows in most every room. The staff were again observed to be highly engaged with and interacting positively with the children, and the children once again appeared to be thoroughly enjoying their child care/preschool experience. The staff continue to support each other and work well together. The center completes daily notes for children age two through four. Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation were again found to be highly organized. The center director states the center has obtained additional storage space within the building and this appears to have improved the organization of the center. The center has purchased new tables and chairs for some of the rooms, with more on order at the time of the visit.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with six year old children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance.

The center will continue with a full license. This report does not require a written response. 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.