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

Name of Center: Aquin Early Childhood Center **Enrollment:** 141 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19237

Street: 210 Grant ST NW **City:** Cascade Iowa **Zip** 52033 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: PO Box 460, Cascade, IA, 52033

Director's Name: Hillary Klein **Phone Number:** 563-852-7020

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** aquinlittleangels@aquin.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-14-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-14-2023

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

Date Inspected: 05-06-2020

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	42	24	74	54	194
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-28-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center 3/14/23. The center director is Hillary Klein. Hillary was present along with other staff, The school principal, Laura Herbers, arrived at the center near the end of the visit to review the visit. This center is owned and operated by the Aquin Catholic School. The school is a private school for pre-k through eighth grade children. This center serves children age six weeks to 12 years. School-age children who attend the local public school may also be bused to and from this center by the public school buses. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program as this is provided at the school building.

The center currently includes the following program rooms that operate on the main floor of the building: Latchkey room (room 5, child care for four year old through school age children), four year old latchkey room (room 6, three year old preschool and four year old child care room), three year old child care room (room 7, children age two through four may be in this room depending on time of day and need), blue room (room four, 12 to 23 months), purple room (room 8, two and three year old children), red room (room three, eight to 12 months), yellow room (room two, approximately four to eight months), and green room (room one, zero to eight months). It is noted that the green and red rooms were not in use on the day of the visit. Program rooms generally provide for adequate materials to support program needs. Program rooms all include direct access to restroom areas and hand washing sinks adjacent to the rooms with the exception of the young infant rooms where toileting is not required. Rooms that require diapering facilities include appropriate diaper stations and hand washing sinks within the room. Rooms also include separate food preparation sinks. All program space was observed.

The school gymnasium may be available for indoor large motor activities at times.

The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. The center does not participate in the CACFP. All meals and snacks are prepared on site by the center’s cook staff in the center’s kitchen area. The kitchen is large and organized. Extra fees are required for lunch and snack.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program rooms are spacious and bright with windows. The center participates in the local AEA program where materials can be borrowed to supplement/support program activities. The center has achieved a one star QRS rating through 9/30/23. Staff once again appeared engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The center director reports working with the CCRR consultant on needed center improvements. The center's licensing documentation was found to be organized. The center has made progress on organization and compliance of staff and child files.

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 Iowa record check approved prior to the staff's involvement with child care. The center director has since completed this.

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have first aid and cpr certification..

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the required annual training hours (only 3.5 training hours since August 2019).

109.9(4): Daily written records are maintained for each child under two years of age and include time periods slept, amount of/time food consumed, time/irregularities of elimination patterns, general disposition, and general summary of activities.
1. Staff are not noting the general summary of activities for each child under two years old on the daily written record. This has been noted previously.

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.
1. Fire and tornado drills were not documented for March 2022 through May 2022.

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. Diaper ointments and miscellaneous choking hazards accessible in drawers in the green room.
2. Diaper ointments and miscellaneous choking hazards accessible in drawers in the red room.
3. Staff did not clean and sanitize the surface used to prepare food immediately prior to this activity as is required as observed in the blue room and in room seven.
4. Child observed to fill drinking water bottle from the hand washing sink in room six. Direct supervision of the sinks and hand washing activity is needed in this room.
5. Diaper waste can observed being used for other waste items in the yellow room. All diaper waste cans shall be clearly labeled and used for this material only. Ensure additional waste cans are conveniently located for other waste items. This was cited previously.
6. Miscellaneous choking hazards accessible in drawer in the purple room.
7. Uncovered food waste observed (this would have been from breakfast that took place hours prior), and cleaning chemicals/ rubbing alcohol/peroxide accessible in cabinets/restroom cabinet in the latchkey room.

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. Current activity/lesson plans not available or posted for most rooms. Room seven and the purple room also missing the daily schedule posting. This has been cited previously.

109.12(5)b: Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
1. Review diaper changing procedure as they are posted with staff. Staff in the blue room observed not to follow diaper procedures in room four. Remove gloves before proceeding to put on the clean diaper. Ensure proper dwell time is allowed for the disinfectant spray to cover the surface per the manufacturer's instructions on the product. Staff did not follow hand washing requirements after the diaper change for child or staff in the purple room. Diaper waste can needs to be clearly labeled for this material only in the purple room.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals. Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
1. Review menus and ensure that all items served meet CACFP requirements for credible items. Concerns with this have been cited and repeatedly noted at this center. CACFP guideline information has been sent by email to the center and shall be closely reviewed. Menus shall be reviewed and adjusted to meet compliance.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Closely monitor all refrigerator (40F or below) and freezer (0F or below) temperatures for safe food storage. Red room unit observed over temperature. Thermometer could not be located in room eight refrigerator, latchkey room refrigerator, kitchen freezer and freezer thermometers in room seven do not appear to work properly.
2. Ensure children's files include the permission to release children to the school bus. This is required to be updated annually.
3. Improve procedures for standing diaper changes when shoes and clothing need to be removed. Provide a disposable/non absorbent paper liner for children to stand on and to set their clean items on during the process.
4. Latchkey room observed in disarray and needing obvious organization, removal of clutter on counter top surfaces (used for food service activities0, and general clean up.
5. Hand washing activities throughout the center need improved supervision to ensure children follow procedures as they are posted. Children should not begin washing hands for food service until the tables have been properly cleaned and sanitized and chairs are set out so they can go sit down after washing hands.

The center will continue with a full license at this time, however, continued attention is needed for compliance with licensing standards especially where repeat violations are concerned in order to avoid negative impact on the license status. 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.