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

Name of Center: Bob and Billie Ray Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 94 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27349

Street: 401 NE 66th AVE **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50313 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 401 NE 66th AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50313

Director's Name: Cassidy Lecroy **Phone Number:** 515-309-2376

On-Site Supervisor(s): Christina Pulley **E-Mail:** cjlecroy@eastersealsia.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-17-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-08-2022

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

Date Inspected: 11-05-2021

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 School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	24	24	80		128
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-07-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Bob and Billie Ray Child Development Center is located on the Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside Campus. This program has been in operation since 2002. The center serves children ages infancy through eight years of age. The center is located in a single standing building with a secured entrance. The center moved into a new building located on campus on 10/12/21. The building was built specifically for the child care center. Cassidy has been the director since 2012. Cassidy has a BS in Early Childhood Education. Christina has been the on site supervisor since 2012. Christina has a BA in Elementary Education.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. The center is using nine classrooms. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies. Classroom schedules and this week's lesson plan, "Leaves" are posted by each classroom.

Christina assisted with today's visit. Curious Clubs (young infants) had eight infants present. Two staff were working with this class. Energetic Elephants (older infants) had four infants present. One staff was working with this group. Busy Bees (toddlers) had seven children present. Two staff were working in this class. Zany Zebras (toddlers) had eight children in attendance. Two staff were working in this room. Lovable Lemurs (2's) had eleven children present. Two staff were working with this group. Cuddly Koalas (2/3's) had six children in attendance. One staff was working with this group. Great Giraffes (3's) had fourteen children present. Two staff were working in this class. Jumping Jaguars (3's) had fifteen children present. Two staff were working in this class. Brainy Boas (4/5's) had fifteen children in attendance. Two staff were working in this room.
Children were observed in the classrooms and outdoors. Children were observed during child directed play activities and staff led activities. Children were playing in interest centers individually and in small groups.

There is a full kitchen at Camp Sunnyside. The daycare serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus reflect CACFP standards are followed. Menus are on a four week rotation.

There is a playground located right beside the daycare. This daycare is used by the toddlers and young 2's. There is poured surfacing and fencing around the playground. There are some small climbing structures. The daycare is adding some shading structures. Children ages older 2's and up use a playground that is located closed to the daycare. This playground also has poured surfacing and has some climbing structures. The center completes monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center participates in QRS and has achieved a four star rating. The center's building is spacious and has a large motor play classroom for the younger children to have large motor play activities on inclement weather days. The center has new furnishings as well as many new toys and materials. Lead teachers either have bachelor college degrees or associate degrees. The center has some unique outdoor play and learning opportunities for the children.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.
A child's allergy/action plan hadn't been updated since 2021. These need to be updated when medication is expired and new medication is brought to the center.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This center has a full license.

Administrative records were not in good shape today. Many required documents could not be located during the visit.
All staff and children's files need to be current and required documents need to be in files at the daycare center. Some forms were kept at the administrative building. Christina couldn't get a hold of people to have information sent for the visit. This was discussed with Christina. Cassidy was not available but Christina said she would speak to Christina to ensure the required forms be kept on site for future visits.

Infant classrooms have used boppy pillows to prop up infants. The manufacturers intended use for these devices is not for propping infants. These are loungers and pillow like devices and should not be used in licensed child care programs. The misuse of these pillows has caused injury and even deaths due to suffocation. Christina said the boppy pillows will be removed from the infant classrooms.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-725-2635; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

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