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

Name of Center: Romper Room Childcare Center **Enrollment:** 70 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52006

Street: 1275 Main ST **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52001 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 1275 Main ST, Dubuque, IA, 52001

Director's Name: Renee Krier **Phone Number:** 563-556-1500

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tricia Montgomery **E-Mail:** krier2006@live.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-09-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 09-09-2022

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: 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	25	19	26	32	102
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2024 to 12-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 10-24-2024

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 on 9/9/24. This center is one of two centers that are for profit and are owned and operated by Renee Krier. Renee is the center director, and she and other staff were present including the approved on site supervisor, Tricia Montgomery. It is noted that Tricia is the lead staff for the youngest infant room. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center includes program rooms on all three levels of the building. Program rooms on the lowest level of the building include: Orange room (school age) and purple room (four years through school age). Program rooms on the middle level of the building include: Green room (12 months through 23 months) and red room (youngest infants). Program rooms on the highest level of the building included: Blue room (two through three years) and yellow room (two through three years). All rooms include hand washing sink(s) within the room and water bottle filler stations or food/bottle preparation sink for drinking water. All rooms include adjacent restroom areas with toilet(s) and sink(s) except for the orange and red rooms. Children in the red room are not yet using the toilet. Children from the orange room do have to travel to the hallway restroom area to use the restroom. Red, green, and blue rooms include diaper station(s) within the program room as well.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. All meals are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area primarily by the center director at this time. The kitchen area appears to be generally clean and organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is owned and operated by an experienced center owner/director. The building has been remodeled extensively to meet child care center requirements. Program rooms are bright with windows and are spacious. The kitchen area is large and includes commercial grade equipment for food preparation, food service, and dish washing activities. Child and staff files and other required licensing documentation were found to be organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
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 evidence of any training certifications (date of hire 5/9/24).

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medication present without current medication authorization, authorization not complete (missing reason for the medication).

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. Emergency plan postings missing from main exit door and other exit door on the main floor as well as hallway exits postings on the upstairs floor either missing entirely and/or missing written instructions for fire and tornado. This has been cited previously.

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 waste cans being used for other types of waste materials in several program rooms.
2. Food service surfaces observed to be cluttered with other materials and not cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to this activity and staff not following diaper procedures for standing diaper changes as observed in the yellow room.
3. Items observed set on diaper station surfaces.
4. Items observed that should not be accessible to the children in accessible drawers, first aid kit accessible to the children, children observed drinking from the handwashing sink in the blue room.
5. Items observed that should not be accessible to the children in accessible drawers in the orange room.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
1. Playground inspections not documented for 11/2023 and 12/2023.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing results received 11/19/24, report can now be completed.

The center was again 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 school age children (six years and older) 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.

1. Ensure food and food service items throughout the center are organized and are stored separate and sanitary from other miscellaneous items. All open food items shall be stored in a sealed container or ziploc and dated for freshness.
2. Ensure bedding items and other clean linens are stored separate and sanitary from other items.
3. More attention is needed throughout the center, with the exception of the red room, in regards to cleanliness, removal of general clutter, and organization and presentation of materials. Staff also appear to need more training and development in areas of the center.

The center will continue with a full license, however, attention is needed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report. 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. The center is also being referred to work with their CCRR consultant for support and to help ensure compliance. 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.