

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

Name of Center: Wee Saints Day Care **Enrollment:** 85 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 22966

Street: 122 W 8th ST **City:** Saint Ansgar **Iowa Zip:** 50472 **County:** Mitchell

Mailing Address: PO Box 158, Saint Ansgar, IA, 50472

Director's Name: Rose Minnis **Phone Number:** 641-713-4652

On-Site Supervisor(s): Rose Minnis **E-Mail:** weesaints@myomnitel.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-11-2019

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 09-07-2016

Comments : Compliance on 09-19-16

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **Accredited** **NAEYC** **NSACA** **Other** **NA**

Program Serves: **Infants (0-23 mo.)** **2 Years** **Preschool-Age** **School-Age**

Get-Well **Evening Care** **Special Needs**

SCHEDULE: **Year-round** **School-Year** **Summer Only**

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	29	11	11	27	78
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 07-01-2018 to 07-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCAION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost

Date: 06-17-2019

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 06/11/19 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Wee Saints Day Care in St. Ansgar. I met with Rose Minnis, the center director. Ms. Minnis has been employed by Wee Saints Day Care since 1997 and she has been the director since November 2000. Ms. Minnis has an AA in elementary education from NIACC in Mason City. There are fifteen staff members employed by the center. Rhiannon Warrington is in charge when Ms. Minnis is not present at the center.

The program is located in a free standing building. It operates Monday through Friday from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm. The center serves children ages 6 weeks through twelve-years-old. There are currently 85 children enrolled.

The program utilizes the following classrooms during the summer months, infants (6 weeks until 24 months), two-year-old room, three and four-year-old room, and a school-aged room. During the school year the rooms are separated as infants (6 weeks until 12 months), 12-24 months room, two and three-year-old room, and a preschool/school-aged room. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with the children’s art projects. The children’s birthdays were posted. There is an area for circle time.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, Lego/blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, writing, math, science/discovery, woodworking, sensory table and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level so they were easily accessible to the children.

The center uses a variety of resources to develop lesson plans. Activities are planned around weekly themes. All of the classes have the same theme and teachers develop their individual lesson plan based on the developmental level of the children. The teachers work together on occasion to brainstorm ideas. Lesson plans were available for review.

In the two-year-old room there were only a few toys out for the children to choose from. I would like to see the shelves full of toys open and available for the children to play with.

There was hydrocortisone cream in the first aid kit in the three and four-year-old room and there was burn cream in the preschool/school-aged room. These are not approved items to use on children without a signed medication authorization form. Please remove these items.

While I was present in the infant room a parent brought an older sibling into the room. Licensing standards mandate that a child two-years-old and older cannot be in the room where infants are cared for. Parents should drop their older children off first.

There was a phone with emergency numbers in the classrooms. Emergency fire and tornado procedures were posted by the main program and outdoor exits. A daily schedule was posted in each room except for the two-year-old room. Please post this. It was taken down when they painted.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. Each room practices the drills separately. Rooms should practice the drills at all different times of the day. They should not be practiced at the same time each month. A radon test was completed in May 2019 and is good for two years. One of the results was 4.0 pCi/L, which is high for recommended EPA guidelines. I recommend conducting another short term radon test in this area. The fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site and is located in the preschool/school-age room near the sink. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 09/07/16 with compliance on 09/19/16.

The center participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The center provides breakfast, lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. The program uses a four week rotation of menus. The temperatures in all three upright freezers were high. Please keep an eye on this. The temperature should be zero and below.

The center uses bleach and water to sanitize the food tables and disinfect the changing tables.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the entrance. The mandatory reporter, child care consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center added security to the entrances of the program. Parents need a fob to enter.

The center is fixing the fence on the playground area.

The rooms of the center were recently painted.

The center has increased its enrollment.

The program receives a lot of community support.

The preschool/school-aged room is built as a storm shelter.

Ms. Minnis has been with the program for 22 years. She provides stability to the center and the families it serves.

Staff members were observed to have terrific interaction with the children. They were patient, flexible and provided developmentally appropriate activities to entertain, as well as teach, the children.

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

109.11(2): A safe and properly equipped area is provided for infants that does not allow for intrusion by children over two years of age. Children over 18 months are only placed outside the infant area if appropriate to the developmental needs of the child. Children over age two who remain in the infant area are placed at the recommendation of a physician or AEA due to a significant developmental delay. Children are placed for a limited time with DHS approval if doing so does not pose a threat to the infants.

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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 319-292-2429; email rfrost@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.

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*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.