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

Name of Center: Romper Room Childcare Center **Enrollment:** 93 **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): Breanna Krier **E-Mail:** krier2006@live.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-21-2023, 10-03-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-04-2022

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 11-01-2022 to 12-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 03-29-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced first licensing visit was completed at this new center on 2/21/23. The center was first visited on 10/3/22 and given permission to open without a license effective 11/1/22. 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, Breanna Krier. Breanna accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the majority of the visit. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center includes program rooms on three levels of the building that has been extensively remodeled for the child care center. Program rooms on the lowest level of the building include: Orange room (school age) and purple room (three 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 years) and yellow room (2.5 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 does not yet participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. The center employs a cook staff and all meals are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. 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:

CHILD FILES:
109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
1. _2_ certificates reviewed not valid. Valid certificate (IDPH form signed and dated by medical personnel) is required prior to a child attending the center.

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.
1. _1_ child file reviewed did not have a physical.

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 are missing the written instructions for fire and tornado.
2. Emergency plan posting missing at one door in the purple room, red room exit door

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. 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. Wet bottles and bottle parts observed put back together and away in the cabinet in the red room.
2. Child observed unsupervised in the restroom area of the purple room. The child was sitting on the floor attempting to change diaper or pull-up. Staff unaware that the child was in the restroom area until the licensing consultant pointed this out. Center needs to review standing diaper change procedures, and staff shall assist children to ensure this is done in a sanitary fashion. Staff shall supervise restroom areas whenever a child is there.
3. Plastic bags accessible under sink cabinet in hallway restroom on lowest level (used by orange 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. Several items the center is serving as components of meals/snacks are not creditable per CACFP requirements (muffins, cereal bars, cinnamon rolls, banana bread, etc.). The center must ensure that menu items are CACFP creditable.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Documentation for the fuel burning appliances inspections was received on 4/26/23. The report can be processed.

The license capacity for the center is 102 children at any given time. The maximum capacities per individual room are as follows:
First Floor:
Red Room (six weeks to 18 months, CRIBS) = 15 children (one diaper station currently)
Green Room (18 months through 2.5 years) = 20 children

Second Floor:
Blue Room (2.5 through three years) = 18 children
Yellow Room (four through five years) = 17 children

Lower Level:
Orange Room (school age) = 9 children
Purple Room (three through four years) = 23 children

***The center has been advised that they will not be able to mix three year old children with school age children unless it is the beginning or end of the day. The center also may not mix two year old children with four year old (and older) children.

1. Ensure parents have authorized the center to release children to the school bus. This should also be updated annually.
2. No smoking posting is needed in the center van.
3. Kitchen freezer recorded over 0F many times. Freezers shall maintain temperature of 0F or below for safe food storage.
4. Refrigerator and freezer need a visible working thermometer in the red room.
5. Update posted schedules to reflect the hours of the center (schedules started at 5:30am).
6. Required phone posting missing in the purple room.
7. Diaper procedure posting is needed at the diaper station in the blue room.
8. Improve storage of clean bedding/linens and/or food/food service items in various areas of the center. These items shall be stored in a sanitary location separate from other miscellaneous items.
9. Posted menu(s) shall include what "cereal" options the center offers.
10. Evaluate and adjust toilet paper dispensers in the blue and yellow rooms to ensure these children can reach them while seated on the toilet.

WRITTEN POLICIES:
1. Emergency preparedness plan needs to include provisions for immobile child(ren) in the written evacuation procedures.

A full license is issued. 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.