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

Name of Center: All Star Day Care **Enrollment:** 84 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25462

Street: 1408 E Court Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50316 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1408 E Court Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50316

Director's Name: Karen Newcomb **Phone Number:** 515-282-6516

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** allstardaycare@live.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-22-2025

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:** 01-31-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-24-2024

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 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	36	18	69		123
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 01-24-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

All Star Daycare has been in operation since 2005. The center moved to it's current location in August 2022. The center is located in a single standing building with a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through five years of age. Karen Newcomb is the owner and director. She was a registered in home daycare provider prior to opening All Star Daycare.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Each classroom has a schedule posted. The center has a monthly newsletter. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, materials and toys. Classrooms with children ages two and up have defined interest centers. Each classroom has it's own restroom or shares a restroom with the classroom next door. Children's art work is displayed in classrooms and hallways.

Karen assisted with today's visit. The infant classroom had five infants present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The toddler classroom had eight toddlers present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The 2's classroom had eleven children in attendance. Two staff were working with these children. The 2/3's class had eleven children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The preschool room had thirteen children present. Two staff were working with this class. The PreK class had fourteen children in attendance. Two staff were working with this group. Children were observed in their classrooms today. Children were seen during child directed activities, during lunch time and during transition times. Some children were observed while resting. Staff were assisting children rest by patting their backs and reading books. Staff assisted children wash their hands and during various play and learning activities occurring in classrooms.

The center is on the federal food program. The center has a full kitchen and has a cook on staff. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a two week rotation. Lunch served today was pasta with meat sauce, apple sauce, lettuce salad and milk.

The center has a playground with fencing. There is rubber tile for surfacing material. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center participates in the Women's Empowerment Program through United Way, which provides a great deal of support to centers. Karen has many years of management in child care. The center has video monitoring cameras in the classrooms. The center is working on the IQ4K quality initiative program.

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.
One staff had a federal record check completed but not a SING check prior to starting employment.
Karen was taking care of this today.

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.
Several newer staff had physicals in their files but they weren't completed at the time of hire.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) 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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