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

**Name of Center:** Happy Face's Daycare Center **Enrollment:** 31 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52187

**Street:** 1709 Pierce ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51105 **County:** Woodbury

**Mailing Address:** 1709 Pierce ST, Sioux City, IA, 51105

**Director's Name:** Patricia Aquino **Phone Number:** 712-454-7705

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Lucelia Leon **E-Mail:** happyfacesdaycare23@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 09-21-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 05-24-2023

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

**Date Inspected:** 05-16-2023

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 8 | 5 | 15 | 12 | 40 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 09-21-2023 to 09-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Jana Drew **Date:** 10-03-2023

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

An licensing visit was made to the Happy Faces Childcare on 09-21-23 and spoke with center director/owner Patricia Aquino, and onsite supervisor Luceli Leon.

Patricia has worked as an in-home childcare provider for 7 years and Luceli for one year and 2 years in the school district. The program is located in a child care program that had previously closed. The program was delayed in opening due to some remodeling. The program opened on
06-12-23. The program provides childcare for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. The childcare centers hours are Monday thru Friday 6:00am to 5:30pm.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center is following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys daily that children use.

The childcare program makes use of 4 classrooms. An infant 6weeks to 2 years old, a 2 year old room or (transition room for the ones), 3-5 year old room; and school age room. Each room was observed to be clean with no issues due to maintenance. Children have access to bathroom.
Sinks are located in the classrooms to facilitate hand washing. Each room is arranged so that there are no blind areas and the children have ample room to move and play in activity centers. The toys and materials present were appropriate to the ages of the children present in the classrooms and were observed to be in good repair. The program uses a theme based curriculum. The program had a staff member call in which cased them to be out of ratio. Director will need to ensure that program is within appropriate ratio to age of children.

Each of the rooms in the center has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: library, art, blocks, toys, puzzles, puppets, grocery store and dramatic play. Children have access to bathrooms if needed. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were numbers, helper's list, colors, children's artwork and the alphabet. Good staff interaction with the children throughout the day.

All required postings were present and in an area readily accessible to parents and visitors. Radon testing was completed and within normal range. Annual furnace inspection was completed. The playground was not viewed at the time of the visit due to inclement weather and will be viewed at a later time. However, director stated the playground has pea gravel with no climbing structures.
Each room has a first aid kit. Each kit was stored in an area inaccessible to the children, had signs posted to mark their location, and were stocked with materials to address most common first aid needs. Good medication storage practices were in place, however, they have due not give any medication to children at this time. Reminder for staff to keep cleaning products out of reach of children. Daily sheets should also need to be completed for children under age two to document feeding, diapering, and their daily activity.

The Center follows the CACFP food program and rotates it's menus monthly. They are not currently on the food program, however, are looking into eligibility of the food program. The program prepares all meals at the center; breakfast, snacks, and lunch. Menus were posted.

The center's goals are to change to complete the childcare playground and to get on the IQ4K program.

Center strengths are that staff are caring and nurturing as well as bi-lingual. They have a good team of staff who are willing to assist each other. The staff also have good communication with the children and their families. The center uses the Bright Wheel app.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

1. Center displays the children's art work in all the rooms.

2. Center is organized.

3. Children's toys are accessible and at their level in all the rooms.

4. Center uses the Bright Wheel App to assist in administration activities.

5. Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

6. Positive interaction with the children.

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

109.8(1)b: All staff in ratio involved with children in programming activities.

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.

Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information was missing

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. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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.
Cleaning products were in reach of children and need to be put away.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area. One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes. Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
Additional concerns: Daily sheets need to be recorded for diapering and meals for infants.

109.15(5)a: Sufficient refrigeration is provided appropriate to perishable food.
Additional concerns: A thermometer needs to be added to the infant refrigerator to ensure proper temperature.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR for support.

The center needs to email consultant confirming that all aspects below standards have been corrected by 10-31-23.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.