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

Name of Center: Inspirations Child Care and Preschool Center **Enrollment:** 57 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 16305

Street: 1005 2nd St **City:** Sully Iowa **Zip** 50251 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: 1005 2nd St, Sully, IA, 50251

Director's Name: Courtney Stoddard **Phone Number:** 641-594-3355

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** Inspirations.sully@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-14-2023

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:** 01-19-2022

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

Date Inspected: 08-17-2021

Comments : date of compliance - 9/7/21

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

Financial Type: Profit X 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	20	16	24		60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-15-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Inspirations Child Care and Preschool Center began operating in the fall of 2007. This center has been located within Sully Christian Christian School until January 2014. The center moved to it's current location on 1/6/14. The center is located in a single standing building. The center has a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infants through young school age. Courtney Stoddard is the director. Courtney has been the director since April 2022. Courtney worked at the daycare several years prior to becoming director.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Courtney assisted with today's visit. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Class schedules and lesson plans for most classrooms were also posted. Classrooms have age appropriate supplies and furnishings. Children's art work is displayed in the children's classrooms and hallways.

In the infant classroom, seven infants were present. Two staff were working in the infant classroom. The 1's classroom isn't being used at this time. In the 2's/3's classroom, there were fifteen children present. The preschool class and school age class were combined today. There were children ages four years to ten years present. There was one staff working with the preschool age children. There were five children in this group. There was one staff working with the school age children. There were six children in this age group. Children were observed during lunch time. Children were observed doing art activities, listening to music with movement and playing individually and in small groups in interest centers. Staff were observed to be actively engaged with the children in all classrooms.

The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center participates in the federal food program. Menus are on a four week rotation. Lunch served today was burritos, green beans and oranges with milk.

The center has a few playground areas. The younger playground is used by infants and toddlers. There is rubber mulch used for surfacing materials on both playgrounds. There is concrete and grass on both areas also. There are some climbing structures and other outdoor toys on the playground. There is a sandbox that should have a cover- when not in used. Courtney said they are ordering a cover for the sandbox. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The public school provides busing for children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Courtney has worked with CCR&R and reached out to this worker to become familiar with DHHS rules. Staff and children's files were in good order this visit. The center partners with Lynnville-Sully School District for the Universal Preschool program. This center is located in a building built specifically for the daycare center. The center has started using Brightwheel.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

There were boppy pillows being used in the infant classroom. This worker directed staff to remove boppy pillows from the infant classroom. The boppy pillows were not being used at the time of the visit but staff did share ways they use boppy pillows. Infants are propped up for tummy time, for laying on their backs while on the floor. Manufacturer's intended use for boppy pillows is not for infants to be propped up. Their primary use is for nursing mothers to use while feeding their infants. Propping infants with boppy pillow can create a safety hazard for infants and has caused injury and even death with young infants.

There was not a lesson plan in the 2/3's classroom. The lead staff did state she had one completed but had taken it home to revise the plan. Children were observed to be doing age appropriate, organized activities during the visit.

*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 mlarson@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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