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

Name of Center: Happy Face's Daycare Center **Enrollment:** 25 **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): Luceli Leon **E-Mail:** happyfacesdaycare23@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-08-2024

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** X **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: 06-05-2024

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 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	8	5	15	12	40
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
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:** 09-10-2024

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 08-08-24 and spoke with center director/owner Patricia Aquino, and onsite supervisor Luceli Leon.

Patricia had worked as an in-home childcare provider for 7 years and Luceli for one year and 2 years in the school district. 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 has been cleaning toys daily that children use.

Their are 25 children enrolled in the program. 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.

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 has peagravel for surfacing but no climbing equipment. Reminder to do monthly fire/tornado drills.

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 don't have anyone on medication at this time. Daily sheets were completed for children under age two.

The Center is on the CACFP food program and rotates their menus monthly. The program prepares all meals at the center; breakfast, snacks, and lunch. Menus were posted.

The center's goals are to expand their playground and complete IQ4K application.

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. The program's staff are family members.

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:

109.9(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.
Number not in compliance: 1

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

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 medical: 1
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: Information was missing.

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.

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 10-01-24.

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.