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

Name of Center: Bill Reagan Children's Center **Enrollment:** 41 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49264

Street: 2620 Muscatine AVE **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52240 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2401 Towncrest DR, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Jenny Winegarden **Phone Number:** 319-351-5017

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** jennywinegarden@arcsei.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-27-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-04-2022

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

Date Inspected: 09-08-2023

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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	32	32	29	46	139
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2022 to 02-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 10-09-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Bill Regan Children's Center on 9/27/23. The center provides child care for infants-school aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday 7am-6pm. The center has 41 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. On the upper floor there is an infant room, one year old room, two-year-old room, three year old room and a four to five year old room. On the lower level there are three classrooms for school aged children.

The center's fire inspection was completed on 9/8/2023.

The director is Jenny Winegarden. Jenny has a Bachelor's Degree in Music. Jenny has been with the Arc of SE Iowa since 2015.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center is on CACFP. They provide breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit.

The center does not offer field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The director has been with the center since 2015.
-The center has an inclusive playground.
-The center uses Brighwheel for open parent communication.
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.

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

109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
-One employee needed a National Criminal history check.

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

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.
-Fire/tornado drills were not completed in 2023. It is imperative that these drills are completed monthly.

109.10(15)d: Daily checks to ensure all exits are unobstructed.
-Exits in two classrooms were blocked. Exits must be unobstructed at all times.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-The following hazards must be moved inaccessible to children: plastic diaper sleeves around diapers, plastic bags, staff purses, cleaning supplies, energy drinks, and Mr. Clean Erasers.
-Choking hazards must be inaccessible to children under the age of three years.
-Ensure black shelves are secured to the walls to prevent tipping.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.