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

Name of Center: Grand ViewChild Development Center **Enrollment:** 44 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28290

Street: 3004 E 38th St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50317 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3004 E 38th St, Des Moines, IA, 50317

Director's Name: Sara Isaacson **Phone Number:** 515-262-4999

On-Site Supervisor(s): Veronica Flores **E-Mail:** gvcdc@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-30-2023

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:** 01-03-2022

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

Date Inspected: 03-21-2023

Comments :

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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	23	15	12	21	71
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-26-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Grand View Child Development has been in operation since February 2009. This center is located within a single standing building that has a secured parent entrance. The center provides child care services to children ranging from infancy through school age. Sara Isaacson is the director. She has been in this position since August 2017. Sara was the on site supervisor for several years prior to being the director. Sara has an AA degree in Early Childhood Education. Veronica Flores is the on site supervisor. Veronica has been in this position since May 2020. Veronica has been employed at the daycare center since 2016.

An unannounced visit was completed on this date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Schedules are posted in classrooms. Older children's classrooms had lesson plans available. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys.

Sara wasn't present today. Veronica assisted with today's visit. The Caterpillars (infants) had four infants present. Two staff were working in this room. The Butterflies (1's) had three children present. There were two staff working in this class. The Bumblebees (2's) had five children in attendance. There was one staff working with this age group. The Fireflies (3/4's) had six children present. One staff was working in this class. The Dragonflies (4/5's) had ten children in attendance. One staff was working with this group. The Grasshoppers (school age) didn't have any children present during the visit. Children were observed during lunch, during child directed play activities, during transition time and during rest time. Staff in the young children's rooms were on the floor supervising and playing with the children. Children were reading books individually and as groups. Staffs' interactions with the children were observed to be positive throughout the visit.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center doesn't participate in CACFP. Menus were reviewed. A few items served for snack, cookies and Nutella, aren't in compliance with CACFP standards. Lunch served today was spaghetti, corn, pineapple and milk.

The center has a fenced playground. There are a couple climbing structures. New surfacing has been added. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Sara Isaacson has been employed at this center for many years. This center participates in the Women's Empowerment Program. The center benefits from being a participant in the program through regular center visits from VNS and from the United Way staff as well as financial support. The center has well furnished classrooms that have a nice amount of supplies and furnishings for the amount of children being served. The playground has been updated with new equipment and surfacing.

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

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking. A few items being served for snack aren't CACFP credible.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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