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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Diamond Star Early Learning Academy at Bettendorf

Provider No.: 53260

Address: 2711 Happy Joe Dr, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

County: Scott

Director's Name: Kristie Serianz

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 04/16/2026

Licensing Period: 08/03/2026 to 08/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/29/2026

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [X] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	Year-round	School-Year	Summer Only
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	20	27	16		63
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit occurred at this center on 4/16/26. Kristie Serianz is the approved center director and was present along with other staff on the day of the visit. Kristie is qualified with as associates degree in general studies with credit hours in early childhood education and reports 24 years of child care experience, and five years of center director experience. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. The center director states the center uses the Teaching Strategies Gold and Iowa Early Learning Standards curriculums. The center reports enrollment of 42 children at the time of the visit.

The center includes five program rooms that are currently in use. The smaller rooms on the lower level are not currently set up for child care activities and are not in use. Program rooms include the following: Space explorer's room (nursery, six weeks to 15 months), rainbow room (15 through 23 months), happy campers room (22 months through three years), sea explorer's room (four/five years), and barnyard room (three/four years). Program rooms are generally adequately stocked with materials to support program needs. All children travel to the hallway area to use the restroom. The rainbow and happy campers rooms both include a hand washing sink and a diaper station within their program rooms. The nursery room includes two separated sinks (one food/bottle preparation and the other hand washing) and a diaper station within the room.

Breakfast, lunch, and snack are provided at this center. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center caters lunch from a local licensed catering business. Breakfast and snack are prepared at the center. The center has a kitchen area that is used then to further prep food to go out to the rooms. The kitchen area was found to be organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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The center is bright with windows and colorfully and seasonally decorated throughout including postings at the children's level. Children's projects and creations are posted throughout the center. Staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities. The center director states the center is beginning the IQ4K process. The center director reports staff who do not yet have their CDA are starting this process. The center director states the center utilizes the TEACH and WAGES programs. Required licensing documentation and files were again found to be highly organized, and the center director uses a tracking system for compliance.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

This report is completed to reflect the ownership and name change of the center effective 8/3/26. The annual licensing visit inspection was completed at this location on 4/16/26. Another visit is not occurring with this report as nothing has changed other than the ownership. The owner of the center is now Akif Aydin.

Date: 08/03/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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