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

Name of Center: Hand In Hand, Inc. @ Starry **Enrollment:** 32 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52102

Street: 700 S. 15th Street **City:** Marion Iowa **Zip** 52302 **County:** Linn

Mailing Address: 103 N. Center Point Road, Hiawatha, IA, 52233

Director's Name: Kathy Kolthoff **Phone Number:** 319-200-4840

On-Site Supervisor(s): Grace Frederick **E-Mail:** hih@handinhandinc.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-23-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-31-2023

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

Date Inspected: 12-06-2022

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years 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				92	92
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-13-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons **Date:** 02-10-2023

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

This is a new owner and new license.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Hand in Hand, Inc. @ Starry (new current license #52102) was established after new ownership acquired Kids Inc. - Starry (former license #25067). Kids Inc. - Starry's last day of operations was 2/10/2023. Hand in Hand, Inc. @ Starry's first day of operations is 2/13/2023.

Hand in Hand multi-site owner/director is Kathy Kolthoff. Ms. Kolthoff holds a degree in Early Childhood Education and Business Management. Ms. Kolthoff has achieved the National Administrators Credential (NAC) and is a member of National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Hand in Hand multi-site management personnel includes Ms. Sara Swestka who has been with Hand in Hand for over 19 years. Ms. Swestka holds her Bachelor of Art degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. Ms. Swestka has many years of experience working with children, continues to participate in much child development related training, and has achieved NAC. Hand in Hand multi-site school-age coordinator is Katie Little. Ms. Little has been with Hand in Hand since December, 2017. Ms. Little has a BA degree in nursing, an AA degree in marketing management, over 5 years of experience working with children, and continues to participate in much child development related training. Site specific on-site supervisor of Hand in Hand, Inc. @ Starry is Grace Frederick. Ms. Frederick has a BA degree in psychology, over 18 years experience working with children and continues to participate in much child development related trainings.

A floor plan and current fire marshal certificate were received and reviewed. An annual 2022 inspection visit was completed to this property on 2/23/2022. Program space was observed on that date.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This report is to note an administrative change as there was a change in ownership which also resulted in a center name change.

A full license is issued.

*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.