

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

Name of Center: Mary Elizabeth Child Care & Preschool **Enrollment:** 69 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30099

Street: 814 Court St **City:** Sioux City **Iowa** **Zip** 51105 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 814 Court St, Sioux City, IA, 51105

Director's Name: Jane Heider **Phone Number:** 712-258-1605

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** meccp814@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-05-2019

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-08-2019

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

Date Inspected: 12-19-2018

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: 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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			41	43	84
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 09-01-2019 to 09-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew

Date: 09-12-2019

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 09-05-19 and spoke with Jane Heider, Director. Ms Heider has a 4 year degree, is a Para educator and has 41 years of experience in childcare. Mary Elizabeth Daycare was the first daycare center built in the area and has been in operation since 1914. The physical facility appears to be well maintained. The center has 5 rooms - a dining area/school age, preschool room on the second floor, 2 year olds, large motor room and a room for three year olds. The center operates Monday through Friday 6am to 5:45pm. The center serves children ages 2 years to school age. Currently there are 69 children enrolled in the program, and 25 present at the time of the visit.

The center has the following areas throughout the rooms for the children to explore and learn: toys, books, legos and house. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for this rooms. Children have access to a bathroom and sink. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Child size furniture throughout the rooms.

The center's goals are updating their building. The center is getting new kitchen counter-tops, updating the playground, and painting the inside of the building. The center has had several new staff and is working on retention with staff meetings more often. The director would also like staff to get more training. The center uses a company that comes and does the laundering of the children's cot sheets and blankets weekly. They also recently received a grant for 300 bags of mulch for their playground.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has added security to the front door whereby parents need a pass code or staff let them into the center.

The center sends home a monthly newsletter for the parents.

The center has a QRS rating of 4 stars.

Staff interact with the children in a positive manner.

Center has new board members.

Center is updating one bathrooms.

Center recently started a new software - Procure

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.

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: 2

109.9(2)a: All files contain sufficient information to allow the center to contact the parent or emergency contact at any time child is in center's care.

Information lacking: information was outdated.

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 outdated

109.9(2)d: All files contain parent authorization of the persons to whom the child may be released.

Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

Number not in compliance: 2

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space:

Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Director was in the process of updating staff and children's files so the files are in compliance.

*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.