

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

**Name of Center:** Zuma Zoo Daycare **Enrollment:** 44 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 46951

**Street:** 108 E Irwin St **City:** Montezuma **Iowa Zip:** 50171 **County:** Poweshiek

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 923, Montezuma, IA, 50171

**Director's Name:** Alexa Wheaton **Phone Number:** 641-623-3457

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** alexa@zumazoodaycare.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 03-20-2018

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:** 02-15-2018

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

**Date Inspected:** 05-29-2017

**Comments :**

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

**Financial Type:** X **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

**Accreditation:** **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:** X **Year-round** **School-Year** **Summer Only**

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8		22		30
Summer					0

**QRS Rating:** N/A

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 04-01-2018 to 04-01-2020
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCATION</b> of license

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

**Date:** 03-21-2018

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

## **II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Zuma Zoo Daycare opened April 2016. The center is located within a single standing building which has a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through ten years. Alexa Wheaton is the owner and director. Alexa has a BA in Elementary Education and prior child care experience. Alexa assisted with the visit today.

## **III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Alexa is the owner of the center and she is actively involved in all aspects of the center. Enrollment at the center has steadily increased since the center has opened. The center is located close to the elementary school.

## **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 occurs every 5 years. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.  
One staff hasn't completed Essentials training.

109.8(2)e: Ratio maintained during mealtimes and outdoor activities at the center.

Alexa was assisting in the 2's - 4's classroom today. Alexa was out of the classroom getting lunch ready, leaving that room out of ratio.

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)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.

Information lacking: preferred hospitals were not listed for parents to list on enrollment forms

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: 3

109.10(3)b: For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.

Staff in the infant room have been documenting giving medication on the daily infant sheet rather than a medication form.

109.10(15)a: The center shall have written emergency plans and diagrams for responding to fire, tornado, flood, and plans responding to intruders within the center, intoxicated parents, and lost or abducted children. Shall have guidelines for responding or evacuating in case of blizzards, power failures, bomb threats, chemical spills, earthquakes, or other disasters that could create structural damage to the center or pose health hazards. If center is within 10 miles of nuclear power plant, center shall have evacuation plan. Emergency plans shall include written procedures including plans for- Evacuation to safely leave the facility- Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation- Shelter in place to take immediate shelter when the current location is unsafe to leave due to the emergency issue- Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation- Communication and reunification with parents or other adults Responsible for the children which includes emergency telephone numbers- Continuity of operations- To address the individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

The center needs to secure an out of town emergency location site.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

There is a structure on the playground that has a slide. I had told Alexa last year this slide needs surfacing. There is still no surfacing around the slide.

Alexa has purchased wood mulch and is going to place the surfacing around the slide.

## **V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

During today's visit, there was no children's art work displayed in any of the classroom. Alexa said they send this home daily. I recommended that art work be displayed and sent home at the end of the week.

\*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-725-2635; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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