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

Name of Center: Altoona Achievers **Enrollment:** 140 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51320

Street: 2385 3rd Ave SW **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2385 3rd Ave SW, Altoona , IA, 50009

Director's Name: Kelsie Williamson **Phone Number:** 515-513-4384

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** junior.achievers@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-13-2023

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:** 01-10-2023

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

Date Inspected: 01-12-2021

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: 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	16	12	64	60	152
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-26-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Junior Achievers opened on 2/1/21. This center is located in a single standing building. The building is a new structure, built specifically for the daycare. There is a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. Amanda Doyle is the owner. Amanda works at this daycare and is a part owner of another daycare is this area. Kelsie Williamson is the director. Kelsie has several years of experience working at a daycare prior to being hired to be the director at Junior Achievers.

An unannounced visit was completed on 1/11/22. All areas subject to DHHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Individual classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted by classroom doors. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys. Classrooms with children ages 2 and older have established learning centers in their rooms. The center uses Himana app to communicate with families.

Kelsie was present and she assisted with today's visit. This worker observed all classrooms that were in operation. There were three infant classrooms open. There were two infant classrooms and one 1's classroom. The Caterpillars had seven infants and the Butterflies had six infants present. Each classroom had two staff working. The Fireflies (ones) had eleven children in attendance. Two staff were working in this room. The Busy Bees (2's) had thirteen children present. Two staff were working with this group. The Little Stars (3/4's) had sixteen children in attendance. Two staff were working with this group. The Super Stars (4/5's) had twenty children present. Two staff were working in this class. The school age children had sixteen children present today. Two staff were working with this group. Children were observed doing a variety of activities indoors. Children were doing child directed activities individually and in small groups. Children were working on craft projects. Some children were observed preparing for nap and some were observed while sleeping. Staff were supporting children with their activities and while preparing for rest time. Interactions between staff and the children was observed to be positive.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed and show compliance with CACFP requirements. The center has a full kitchen. The center employs a cook.

The center has several playgrounds. The playgrounds have fall surfacing. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Amanda has been a director and owner of another child care center for many years. Her experience and leadership will be an asset to this center. The classrooms are well supplied with furnishings and toys. Each classrooms has it's own outdoor play space. The center is working on IQ4K.

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

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.
One staff didn't have physical completed in required time frame.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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