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

Name of Center: Beyond The Bell-Nodland **Enrollment:** 61 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30185

Street: 3300 S Cypress St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: PO Box 2129, Sioux City, IA, 51104

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews **Phone Number:** 712-277-3600

On-Site Supervisor(s): Veronica Ramirez **E-Mail:** jandrews@siouxlandship.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-08-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 10-06-2020

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

Date Inspected: 06-08-2023

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X 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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				115	115
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 12-18-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 12-08-23 and visited Valeria Salcido, lead worker as Veronica Ramirez, onsite supervisor was not present. Ms Ramirez is the onsite for some other Beyond the Bell sites and took over the site with the 2020 school year. Beyond the Bell Nodland is an before/after school program located in the Nodland elementary school. The program utilizes the gym/lunch room.

Visited center on 10-30-23 and spoke with new lead worker Kea Morton. Veronica Ramirez is the onsite supervisor and was not present. Ms Ramirez has worked with the Beyond the Bell program for the last five years. Veronica Ramirez supervises a couple of the after school program.

With the 2023/2024 school year, Beyond the Bell Nodland is only an morning school program located in the gymnasium of Nodland elementary school. The program is sharing students with the Sunnyside Elementary School who provides the afternoon program and then children are bused to Sunnyside school for the afternoon program due to staffing issues. The program utilizes the gym/lunch room. It operates Monday-Friday 6:30am to 8:30am. The program is administered by the Beyond the Bell organization. The program serves school age children TK to 5th grades. There is a buzzer outside the building to get into the school and the Beyond the Bell program. Staff meet people at the door to gain access to the program. The program this year only serves children TK to 5th grade. Sunnyside kids are dropped off by their parents in the morning and then are bussed to Sunnyside Elementary School.

There are 61 children enrolled in the program. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center also continues in cleaning toys daily that children use. The before school program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The program started using the Playground App which helps in administration duties.

Snacks are provided by Beyond the Bell and breakfast is provided through the Sioux City School system. The center stores left over snacks that are all individually wrapped. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition but is not currently on the food program. Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center currently does not administer any medication. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills were documented. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Program areas appear well maintained, however, children need to have their personal items separate from each other rather than in a pile to be free of any observable health or safety hazards.

The program has access to the school playground or they use the gym. The playground has climbing equipment and slides in the playground area. The playground has Rubber tiles for surfacing. Playground inspected completed. Shade is available on the playground equipment.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips

School bus transports children on field trips. The program tries to do one field trip per month.

Staff files were not reviewed at the time of the visit as they files are located at the main office and will be viewed at a later date.

Goals of the program is to get more center activities for the children, more qualified staff, and another room for the children to do activities.

Strengths of the program is that staff have good communication with the children and families that they serve. The program uses the remind app to communicate with families.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Program uses the playground app to communicate with their families.

Center has good relationship with the children and their families. Center feels they have good staff who enjoy working with the children.

Center sets up toys, games and activities at various tables in the room for the children.

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

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Program needs to email consultant by 01-03-24 confirming that all aspects below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.