

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 07-01-2018 to 07-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

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Date: 06-27-2019

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced, off-year visit was conducted on 6/27/19. On-site supervisor, Melissa Orr, was present at the beginning of the visit and the director, Michelle Starman, arrived about 20 minutes into the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Manning Child Care Center is a center overseen by a Board and located in a downtown building that also houses Caleris, which is a marketing company. The center opened in 9/2002. The center uses their own learning curriculum that is based off of several other curriculums. Children served range from six weeks in age to 12 years in age. The center is open year-round and also provides a drop-in service for families; although 24 hour notice is recommended.

The center director is Michelle Starman. Michelle has her AA degree in Child Development and has been the director since 2010. Melissa Orr, Alison Karsteen, and Jamie Hanson are the on-site supervisors at the center. All three individuals have several years' experience working in child care and meet the qualifications for their positions.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

There is a secure entrance into the building. The center is using the Pro-Care system. Parents/guardians use their electronic fingerprint to gain access. Other visitors have to ring a doorbell and be let in by staff.

The center employs a full-time cook

The center has a Facebook page.

The center participates in NAP SACC (physical activities and good nutrition program for children). The center also participates in the 5-2-1-0 program around healthy kids.

The center participates in the food program (CACFP).

Parents receive a monthly newsletter (also an email option for the newsletter).

The center will provide a certain brand of formula as well as baby food for infants if needed.

Staff bios are posted in the main hallway.

There is a good mix of several tenured staff members and newer staff members. There is an employee incentive system in

place.

The center has good partnerships with other businesses in the community as well as Zion Lutheran Preschool in town.

The director feels she has a very supportive and engaging Board.

The director has quarterly staff meetings with other directors in the surrounding area.

The center has installed new water fountains in the center.

The center is a pick up and drop off site for school-age children.

There is an indoor play area when weather does not permit outdoor play.

Staff files were nicely organized.

The center is a drop in center.

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

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.

There was one expired medication in the two year old classroom.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

There was a dangling cord in the four through school-age classroom that needs to either securely fastened to the wall and/or tucked behind other equipment.

109.15(5)d: Sanitary methods are used for garbage disposal sufficient to prevent transmission of disease and infestation.

There was a box of crackers in the kitchen pantry that were not sufficiently sealed after being opened.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every two years and was last tested 2/14/19 - 2/19/19. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff.

The annual furnace inspection was completed on 2/11/19.

It was previously noted the center only does walking field trips around the surrounding area.

During the visit, it was noted that the center only has today and/or tomorrow to get June 2019 fire and tornado drills completed.

It is recommended the center not use the nostril suction devices for young children for health and sanitation reasons.

It was noted that the center had a dump truck load of pea gravel delivered in 9/2018. The plan now since the grant money is in is to level out part of the playground area and put in rubber tiles to replace this pea gravel as the pea gravel and slope of the playground have been an ongoing issue in the past. This should be done sometime yet this summer.

*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.

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