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

Name of Center: Rainbow Land Preschool & Day Care **Enrollment:** 20 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18877

Street: 201 Vine St Bldg 1 **City:** Fayette Iowa **Zip** 52142 **County:** Fayette

Mailing Address: 201 Vine St Bldg 1, Fayette, IA, 52142

Director's Name: Vacant **Phone Number:** 563-425-4398

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sue Martin **E-Mail:** rainbowlandpdc@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-16-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-21-2023

Comments : Compliance on 10/01/23

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: 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	30	8	23	7	68
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 10-22-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 10/16/24 I made an unannounced licensing visit to Rainbow Land Preschool and Day Care Center in Fayette. I met with Sue Martin, the on-site supervisor and she works in the office. She has been with the center since March 1998. She is the person in charge until a new director is located. The previous director, Amanda Kalb's last day of work with the center was 08/16/24. The center employs a total of ten staff members.

The program operates out of a free-standing building. The center operates Monday through Friday from 7:00 am until 5:45 pm. It serves children ages two weeks through twelve-years-old. They offer a three and four-year-old preschool class that meets Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30-11:30 am. Kathleen Bonjour is the preschool teacher. There are currently 20 children enrolled in the center.

The center previously partnered with the North Fayette Valley Community School District to provide the voluntary four-year-old preschool program. They are not doing that this year because they do not have a licensed teacher.

The center operates out of the following rooms: Red/Orange Room (2 weeks-18 months), Yellow Room (18 months through young three-years-old), Blue/Green Room (three and four-year-old preschool) and Purple Room (school-age). An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with the children's art projects, posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. The children's birthdays were posted. There is an area for circle time in the preschool room.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, Lego/blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, writing, math, science/discovery, woodworking, sensory table, Play-Doh, and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level so they were easily accessible to the children.

Cribs are used for the infants and cots are used for the older children.

The rooms use lesson plans that the former director, Ms. Kalb, found on the internet. Each classroom has a binder of prepared lesson plans. Activities are based on themes. The center prepares monthly newsletters for the parents. The preschool room has a Promethean smart board. Ms. Bonjour follows the Iowa Early Learning Standards.

There was a phone with emergency numbers that included the center's address and phone number in each of the classrooms. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the main program doors and outdoor exits throughout the center. Daily schedules were posted. A lesson plan was available for review in each room.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. A radon test was completed in December 2023 and is good for two years. Results were within EPA guidelines. The fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site in the Purple

Room and the office. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 08/21/23.

The program participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Teresa Moore is the cook. The center provides the children with lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. The center has a five-week rotation of menus. Meals are served to the children. Families are charged a fee for lunch and snacks. Menus were posted. The children eat in their classrooms. The toddlers are currently eating in the school-age room because it has a laminate floor. Their room is carpeted.

The program provides one brand of formula, cereal and baby food for the infants. If the parents want a different brand, they must provide it. Bottles are prepared in the classroom. Bottles are washed in the room using the three-step method. There is a refrigerator in the infant room and a thermometer was present.

The kitchen was observed to be clean and organized. The program has two dishwashers. The kitchen has three sinks available and they use the three-step method to wash dishes that do not fit in the dishwashers. Allergies are posted in the kitchen as well as in the rooms. There are three refrigerators and an upright freezer. Thermometers were present. Food items were stored according to NHSPS guidelines in the kitchen.

The center uses bleach and water to sanitize the food table and Betco Triforce to disinfect changing tables. This has a three-minute dwell time. Bottles were clearly labeled. There are multiple bathrooms and diaper changing tables throughout the center. Handwashing procedures and diaper changing procedures were posted in all mandated areas. I discussed the diaper changing procedure with staff members. Proper procedures are being followed.

There are four fenced in outdoor play areas. The large playground area on the east side of the center is currently now being used. The center bought new equipment for the area but does not have fall surfacing. The center is waiting for the board to decide about which fall surfacing to purchase. For equipment they have a teeter totter airplane, two stationary cars and a caterpillar tunnel. There is a concrete area with a basketball hoop and a Funball hoop. There is a large shade structure and a grassy area. There is a concrete trail for riding toys.

There are two playgrounds on the north side of the building. In the larger area there is a concrete trail for riding toys and helmets are used. There is also a grassy area, a playhouse and picnic tables. Trees provide shade. There is a storage bin for other activities.

The smaller area on the east side has a tree for shade a small slide that does not require fall surfacing.

The fourth area is on the south side of the building. It is all concrete and has basketball hoops, dramatic play equipment, chairs and a picnic table. There is a storage pin for other activities.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the entrance. The mandatory reporter, childcare consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

The center was only operating out of two rooms the day of my visit. Class sizes were small which allowed children to receive a lot of attention. Staff members were on the floor and actively engaged in activities with the children. Staff members talked with children about sharing and taking turns. They offered the children choices. They encouraged the children to use their imaginations. They were nurturing and had good knowledge of the children's routines. Child friendly music was playing.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ms. Martin states the center has good and dedicated staff members.

Ms. Martin states their enrollment is the lowest it has been since as long as she has worked at the center, but the center has a financial reserve to keep them afloat.

Ms. Martin states they have a caring board and they board has a new president.

Ms. Martin states she and the three-year-old preschool teacher are taking a STEM training through a grant. Ms. Kalb has attended a similar training in the past for water play. Ms. Martin is attending an "All About Balance" training and they will receive center materials for balance after she has completed the training.

The center practices either lock door or evacuation drills in addition to the fire and tornado drills every month.

The center is in a secured building and there are cameras in the entrance and outside of the center.

Ms. Martin has been with the center since March 1998. She is the rock of the program and she provides consistency to the children and families. The center has been through various directors and Ms. Martin has helped in training them. She is currently in charge while the center looks for a new director.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

An administrative change is being made to remove Amanda Kalb as the director. Ms. Kalb is no longer with the center. Ms. Martin is in charge until they hire a new director.

*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.