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

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Bryant **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30756

Street: 3040 Jones St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51104 **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): Roxanne DeArcos **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:** 11-10-2021

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			40	190	230
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2024 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 12-20-2023

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 spoke with Anthony Rivera, staff worker as onsite supervisor Roxanne DeArcos was not available Ms. DeArccos oversees Bryant Elementary and Perry Creek Elementary School. Ms. DeArcos several years experience working with children. Bryant school is a new school building which opened up the fall of 2019. Program's capacity is 230 to accommodate children for their summer program. Program uses two rooms along with the school gym for their summer program. Their numbers are lower due to lack of staff.

Beyond the Bell Bryant is a before/after school program located in Bryant elementary school. The program may utilize the gym/lunch room art, music, and computer room. The program is operated by the Beyond the Bell organization Monday through Friday 6:30am to 8:30am & 3:30pm to 6:00pm, with the exceptions of Mondays to where the school is out an hour early at 2:30pm. The program serves preschool to 5th grade children. There is a buzzer outside the building to get into the school and the Beyond the Bell program. If the program runs thru the summer then their hours would be from 7:00am to 5:00pm.

Currently there are 40 children enrolled in the program. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The program continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the coronavirus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use. The program needs to have kids not pile their personal belongs. Personal belongings need to be kept separate to help with cross contamination. When brought to staff's attention, they had the children get their belongings and separated them.

When doing centers staff set up centers for the children at the tables. These include blocks/legos, puzzles, games, books, science activities and art/craft projects. The center sets up a designated table for those students that want to work on homework. Group activities as well as individual self-directed activities are available to the children. Bathrooms are accessible to the children.

Snacks and breakfast are provided through the Sioux City School system. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition. 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 adequate to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Program area appears well maintained and free of any observable health or safety hazards. Radon & furnace inspection was not available at the time of the visit. It is recommended to update the DHS Licensing Binder to contain all necessary information.

Staff files will be reviewed at a later date as they are located at the main office.

The program has access to the school playground or they use the gym. The playground has rubber for cushioning. They have climbing equipment and slides in the playground area. Playground inspection are completed and documented.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center utilizes the school buses for field trips. Field trips are only done in the summer if this happens to opened for a summer site.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

They have specific homework tables set up for the children who want to work on their studies.

If closed for snow days staff still come to make sure no child/parent misses the school closings.

The program is organized.

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.
Center needs to continue to have kids belongings kept separately and not thrown in a pile.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is requested that director correct the areas that fall below standards by 01-10-24 and email consultant of when it has been completed.

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.