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

Name of Center: Moser Preschool and Daycare **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39371

Street: 1401 1st St West **City:** Independence Iowa **Zip** 50644 **County:** Buchanan

Mailing Address: 1401 1st St West, Independence, IA, 50644

Director's Name: Candy Moser **Phone Number:** 319-327-0155

On-Site Supervisor(s): Gayle Burgin & Tiffany Bean **E-Mail:** moserkids@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-08-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **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: 12-13-2022

Comments : Compliance on 01/13/23.

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	9	9	28	29	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2022 to 07-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 06-26-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 06/08/23 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Moser Preschool and Daycare in Independence. I met with Candy Moser, the co-owner and director of the program. Her husband, Chad Moser, is also a co-owner. Ms. Moser has been a director since the program opened in August 2012. She has an AA in accounting and several years of experience working with children. She previously had an in-home childcare program. Ms. Moser has her National Administrator Credential (NAC). Gayle Burgin and Tiffany Bean are the on-site supervisors for the program and in charge when Ms. Moser is not available. Ms. Burgin has been with the program since August 2016 and Ms. Bean has been with the program since July 2013. The program has nine employees.

The program operates out of a free-standing building. The program operates Monday through Friday from 5:30 am until 5:30 pm and serves children who are infants through school-age. The center partners with the Independence School District to provide the voluntary four-year-old preschool program. Ms. Bean is the teacher of the four-year-old preschool program. She has a BA in early childhood and elementary education with an endorsement in special education and sign language. They rent a room in the Early Childhood Center for the program. The voluntary preschool room is regulated through the Department of Education, but also included under the license for the sake of insurance. There are currently 40 children enrolled.

The center operates out of four rooms. They have an infant room, a room for children eighteen months old through two-years-old, a preschool room for three and four-year-old children and a school-age space. The school-age space also serves as an additional space for the preschool children when school is in session. An inspection of each room was completed. The rooms are decorated with the children's art projects, and posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet, colors and numbers. There is an area for circle time.

The centers used by the center include library, blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, writing, math, science, listening, Play-Doh, woodworking, sensory table and music. Toys are sanitized daily. 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.

Mats, cots and cribs are used for naps. The naps have tape on the corners to repair tears. The tape is starting to curl up and should be replaced.

The program uses a variety of resources to create the lesson plans. Ms. Moser creates the base curriculum for each room, such as social/emotional activities, crafts and letters. The teachers then fill in the rest of the areas on the lesson plans for their classrooms. Lesson plans were available for review.

Daily sheets are required to document meals, diaper changes, naps, activities and disposition for all children under the age of two-years-old. They are currently only being done for children under the age of one in the infant room.

There was a phone with emergency numbers in the office. The classrooms use two-way radios to communicate with one another. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the program doors and outdoor exits. A daily schedule was posted 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 May 2022 and must be repeated in two years. Results were within EPA guidelines. The annual fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site and is in the dining area. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 12/13/22, with compliance on 01/13/23. The program is inspected for lead annually.

The program has three vans available to transport children. I reviewed van maintenance logs. Each van has an emergency backpack.

The program does participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The program provides breakfast, lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. Chad Moser is the cook. He uses an eight-week cycle of menus. The children eat all their meals and snacks in the dining room area. Please be aware that children under the age of 18 months cannot be in the same room as children two-years-old and older. While I was present there were two infants under the age of two in the dining room with the older children. This was cited in last year's report also. After the visit, Ms. Moser did ask me about a licensing standard that states infants can be in the room with older children for a specific activity for a short duration if the infant receives one on one care. This is allowed, but each child under the age of eighteen months must receive one on one care. These caretakers cannot assist with other children in the room.

Menus were posted. Food items were stored according the NHSPS guidelines. There are two refrigerators, an industrial refrigerator and a freezer and they all had thermometers. There are alarms installed in the refrigerators and freezer so that if they stop working the Moser's are notified. The program has an industrial dishwasher and a residential dishwasher. There are also two sinks for dishes in the kitchen. The program also has two commercial Vulcan ovens.

Children are served their meals already dished out. Family style is not used.

In the infant room the parents provide everything until the children are on table food. Bottles are sent to the kitchen to be washed or they are sent home with parents each night.

The program is using owlets in the in the infant room.

The center uses Peroxide Multi Surface Cleaner and Disinfectant to sanitize the food tables and toys. This is also used to disinfect the changing tables.

I discussed and observed diaper changes with staff members. In the infant room the staff member is only using handwipes to wash children's hands. All children must have their hands washed with soap and water following a diaper change. Handwipes do not have a cleaning agent. The toddler room was not being used the day of my visit. The changing table is up against the wall in this room so that the staff member's back would be to the children while changing a diaper. I recommend pulling the changing table away from the wall so the staff member can stand with his/her back to the wall and observe the room.

There are three bathrooms located in the center, each has one toilet and one sink. Handwashing and diaper changing procedures were posted in all the mandated areas.

In the infant rooms there were items stored in front of the outdoor exit. Make sure evacuation routes are never blocked.

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 program has a fenced in playground area. There is no fall surfacing. There are two small slides in the area that have a fall height greater than 18 inches. These require fall surfacing and must be removed. There is a grassy area for the children and a concrete area with a small basketball hoop. There is a sandbox, music center, a tunnel, picnic tables and a bench.

The school-age children were playing outside of the fence. They were using chalk and playing with bubbles and hula hoops.

Staff members were observed with the children. They interacted at the children's level and introduced them to activities. In the three-year-old room, the children were bowling. Staff members provided praise and encouraged the children to try things. Staff members were actively engaged with the children in activities while outside. The children appeared to enjoy themselves at the program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program has an IQ4K level 2 that will expire on 09/30/24.

There are cameras installed in each room and outside of the building and they can record. The program is in a secured building.

The center is going to have a float in the Fourth of July parade in town.

The program has detailed emergency plans and they have created name tags with pictures of the children for their emergency bag.

The program partners with the Independence School District to provide the voluntary four-year-old preschool program. The voluntary preschool class is regulated under the Department of Education but included in the license for the sake of insurance.

The center has new electrical throughout the building and new concrete in front of the building.

Ms. Moser, Ms. Burgin and Ms. Bean have completed PBIS training.

The program practices monthly intruder drills in addition to fire and tornado drills.

Ms. Burgin states she and Ms. Moser work well together on the administrative side to make sure everything gets done and they follow licensing standards.

Ms. Moser states they provide a family atmosphere. They are family owned and this draws families into the program. She is invested in the program and the families they serve.

Ms. Moser has her National Administrator Credential (NAC).

The program uses ProCare Software to help keep business practices organized. Ms. Moser and Ms. Burgin are organized and maintain a DHS licensing binder.

The program has a private social media page on Facebook to help increase communication with the families. The program provides families with regular newsletters.

The program collaborates with local businesses, AEA, the local school district, Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) and the local nurse consultant.

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

109.9(4): Daily written records are maintained for each child under two years of age and include time periods slept, amount of/time food consumed, time/irregularities of elimination patterns, general disposition, and general summary of activities. Daily sheets are required to document meals, diaper changes, naps, activities and disposition for all children under the age of two-years-old. They are currently only being done for children under the age of one in the infant room.

109.11(2): A safe and properly equipped area is provided for infants that does not allow for intrusion by children over two years of age.
Children over age two who remain in the infant area are placed at the recommendation of a physician or AEA due to a significant developmental delay. Children are placed for a limited time with DHS approval if doing so does not pose a threat to the infants.
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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.
There are two small slides in the playground that have a fall height greater than 18 inches. These require fall surfacing and must be removed.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area.One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes.Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
Additional concerns: In the infant room the staff member is only using handwipes to wash children's hands. All children must have their hands washed with soap and water following a diaper change. Handwipes do not have a cleaning agent.

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.

*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.