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

Name of Center: Busy Hands Preschool and Daycare Center **Enrollment:** 60 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20243

Street: 14506 170th ST **City:** Letts Iowa **Zip** 52754 **County:** Louisa

Mailing Address: 14506 170th ST, Letts, IA, 52754

Director's Name: Betsy Buckman **Phone Number:** 319-726-3634

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** bclements@lmcsd.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-17-2025

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 03-11-2025

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

Date Inspected: 04-20-2021

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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*
Sunday			
Monday		7:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Tuesday		7:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Wednesday		7:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Thursday		7:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Friday		7:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Saturday			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			16	25	41
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2025 to 04-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 04-23-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at BUSY HANDS PRESCHOOL AND DAYCARE CENTER - 20243 for an annual visit on 4/17/2025. The fire inspection was completed on 4/20/21. The center is nonprofit and overseen by the school district. The center is located inside the Lousia Muscatine Community School District. The center provides preschool services, wrap around child care and before/after school care. The center is open from 7:00am to 5:00pm during the school year. The center's current enrollment is 60.

The director is Betsy Buckman. She has a Master's Degree in Education. She has been with the center since 8/2011.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. This worker observed the staff reading a book to the children, having an Easter Egg Hunt on the playground and enjoying snack. This worker observed the children having access to a wide variety of educational and engaging activities.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center is on CACFP. The center provides morning and afternoon snacks. The school district provides an optional breakfast and lunch. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed.

The center does communicate with parents via in person conversations, phone calls and emails.

The center's curriculum is teacher created.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center is clean, nicely organized and welcoming to those who enter.
-The director completed her Master's Degree in Education.
-The center is adding new fall surfacing.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

This worker encourages you to develop a working relationship with your Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Consultant: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/ and you Healthy Child Care Iowa Nurse Consultant: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci. These two agencies are a wonderful resource to help centers be successful.

Please do not hesitate to contact the licensing consultant, Heidi Brown, if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 515-631-8846 or heidi.brown@hhs.iowa.gov

*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.