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

Name of Center: Lawton-Bronson B-4 & After the Bell & Summer Bell **Enrollment:** 55 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28950

Street: 113 W 1st St **City:** Bronson Iowa **Zip** 51007 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 113 W 1st St, Bronson, IA, 51007

Director's Name: Karen South **Phone Number:** 712-948-3361

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jana Rowe **E-Mail:** southk@lb-eagles.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-15-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-03-2022

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

Date Inspected: 01-13-2022

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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				75	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 03-13-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 02-15-23 and spoke with lead worker Jana Rowe as Karen South, director was not present. And another visit on 03-07-23 to visit with Ms South. Ms South has an elementary education degree and 40+ years' experience working with children. The program is operated by the Lawton -Bronson school system. The program is located in the Bronson elementary school building. They utilize the art and music room, library, gym, 3rd grade room and the commons/cafeteria area. During the school year they serve preschool/school age children Monday through Friday 7am to 8am & 3:30pm to 5:30pm(with one hour early out on Wednesdays). The Summer Bell Days program serves school age children Monday through Friday 7am to 5:30pm. Summer Bell will start 06-05-23 and run through 08-11-23.

There are 55 children enrolled in the program. However, at the time of the visit there were 22 children present on 02-15-23 and 10 children present on 03-07-23. 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 center 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 after school program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. They utilize the Art and music rooms and 3rd grade room if needed but mainly the Art room. With the pandemic they used these rooms and felt it worked better for the kids/families. In the summer they set up centers for the children at the lunch room tables. These include blocks/legos, puzzles, toys, books, and art/craft projects. The summer program does academics in the morning and then centers in the afternoon if they are not on a field trip. The Summer program does field trips on Mondays and Wednesdays and will take kids to swimming lessons on Tuesday and Thursdays. On Fridays is movie days to where they will watch movies on site. Children have access to bathrooms. Sufficient amount of toys, supplies and games for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted.

Snacks are provided by the parents, however, if program will provide a snack if a child forgets to bring one. During the pandemic snacks/summer lunches were free and provided by the school as well as milk. During the summer the first 4 weeks lunch and snacks are provided by the school and then the school supplements food during the summer program but kids will bring a sack lunch for the rest of the summer. Reminder if kids bring snacks/sack lunches to where they have food that needs to be cold then they need to be put in a refrigerator for proper temperature. They follow the CACFP nutrition guidelines, however are currently not on the food program. Parents have been provided suggestions for healthy snacks/lunches.

Center currently does not administer any medication. First aid kit is complete. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Program areas appear well maintained and free of any observable health or safety hazards. Radon is within the normal range. The school is geo thermal and no gas appliances are used.

The center uses the school playground. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. The school maintains the playground. Shade is available on the playground. When They are unable to go outside they also will utilize the school

gym. In the summer, the program utilizes the school buses to go on field trips on Monday/Wednesdays and on Tuesday/Thursdays they take the children to swimming lessons. They do not go on field trips during the school year.

The program uses a sensory hall for the kids along with STEM toys. They utilize scholarships from grants and parent donations. The program utilizes teachers for staff who have a good working relationship with the parents and the children they serve.

Goals of the program is to transfer program to a new director as Ms South is retiring in August 2023. Information has been forwarded to the program to support the new director when they have a potential director approved.

Strengths of the program is that staff are teachers at the school. Staff work well as a team and have a good relationship with the children and families they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children.

The program is well organized.

Program sends monthly newsletters to parents.

The program has a lot of community donations (financial and/or supplies) to the program. Donations come from families, churches, city of Lawton and city of Bronson, as well as area businesses.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 5

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 4

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The program will email consultant by 05-07-23 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license will remain in effect.

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.