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

Name of Center: Aurelia Day Care Inc **Enrollment:** 85 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 29139

Street: 216 Ash ST **City:** Aurelia Iowa **Zip** 51005 **County:** Cherokee

Mailing Address: PO Box 745, Aurelia, IA, 51005

Director's Name: Jennifer Marshall **Phone Number:** 712-434-2521

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** aureliadaycare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-15-2023

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:** 04-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-30-2020

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: 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	19	21	20	21	81
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 05-18-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An visit was made to the Aurelia Day Care Inc. center on 05-15-23 and spoke with center director Jennifer Marshall. Jennifer Marshall became director for the center on 12-13-21. Jennifer has been with the center for 4 years, prior to coming to the center she had be an in home childcare provider for several years. The program's building was new in 2017 and is a free standing building on the campus of the Aurelia Elementary School campus . While the center has a collaborative relationship with the school it is overseen by a separate board of directors. The program provides daycare and preschool programming to infants through school age children.

The main building of the center has 3 classrooms defined by age(infant, toddler, and two/three year old room), and a fourth classroom had been used for preschoolers and school aged children which is located in the school building. The program does preschool in the main building and only uses the school classroom for the school agers during the school year and for summer. The center makes meals onsite.

There are 85 children enrolled in the program, however at the time of the visit there were 41 children present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use. At the time of the visit there was a staff purse that was to where children had access to and need to be out of reach of children for safety reasons. Also, there were cleaning products in reach of children. When brought to director/staff's attention they put them away.

The center has been doing some updates to the center. The center along with collaboration with the school put in a new playground for the children which the school will also use for their preschoolers. The center received some grant money and will be updating flooring throughout the center. The program also switched from using the Bright Wheel app to the Playground app as felt it had more options to help with administrative items; checking in children & staff, food program, and communication with parents. The program also raised rates last year and have increased staff wages. The program has had alot of staffing turnover to where the Director has been in staff ratio. Therefore, paperwork for children and staff are lacking. The center has hired an assistant director and a few other staff recently along with college staff returning will help in the Director getting the necessary paperwork up to day. The program also has blinds in the infant room that children can reach from their cribs. It is recommended that these be switched out to shades. It is recommended that the program update their Emergency Preparedness Policies and handbooks yearly. Also, staff need to ensure proper handwashing when diapering.

Center serves breakfast, lunch, and snacks on site. They are on the food program and follow the food program guidelines. Monthly Fire and Tornado drills are documented along with playground inspections. The playground has been updated and has new climbing structures, riding area, music toys, new fence, and sandbox. Surfacing is poured rubber. The playground will be looking at adding additional shade. They have a couple of young trees which help for some shade. The program teamed up with school to make improvements of to the playground. Radon testing needs to be completed in all child occupied rooms. Furnace inspection needs to be completed done annually.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
Center does not transport. If they do field trips they walk.

Strengths of the center are that her staff work well as a team. The center has a good relationship with the families and community they serve. The center raised wages for staff. The center has good support from their board and CCRR. The center started using the Playground app for parents to log their child into the center as well as more communication with parents throughout the day.

The center's goals are to get shade for the playground. The center would also like to get on QRS(now IQ4K). Center recently hired an assistant director to help with administrative duties. The program would like to put in a infant/toddler playground. The program would like to see more staff that are qualified and eager to work in childcare.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has camera's in the toddler and preschool rooms.

The center plans on working with CCRR to get on the IQ4K program which is taking the place of the QRS program when it expires. The center is rated as a 2 STAR program out of a possible 5 STAR scale.

The center is on the food program.

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

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
Number not in compliance: 2

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(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: Information was either missing or outdated

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 3

109.10(8): Children's hand washing: Center shall ensure staff assist children in personal hygiene. For each infant or child with a disability, a separate cloth for washing and one for rinsing may be used in place of running water. Children's hands shall be washed: Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity. After using the restroom or being diapered. After handling animals.

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.
Blinds in the infant room are at reach of children and cribs should be moved or the blinds replaced to shades. Also, all push pins should be removed from child occupied rooms for safety.

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.

109.15(5)a: Sufficient refrigeration is provided appropriate to perishable food.
Additional concerns: thermometer needs to be in refrigerator or freezer to determine proper temperature.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Discussion with Director regarding the DHS Licensing Checklist to conduct a self audit last licensing visit. Director started it however with lack of staff could not continue to work on it. It is recommended to review the checklist and do a self audit and to continue to work with CCRR for any support they may need.

Director needs to email consultant by 06-30-23 confirming that all items that fall below standards have been corrected.

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.