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

Name of Center: Indianola Child Care-Emerson **Enrollment:** 50 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28269

Street: 1109 E Euclid **City:** Indianola Iowa **Zip** 50125 **County:** Warren

Mailing Address: 1301 E 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA, 50125

Director's Name: Kim Post **Phone Number:** 515-961-9565

On-Site Supervisor(s): Cheyenne Archibold **E-Mail:** kim.post@indianola.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 12-01-2023

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:** 12-20-2021

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

Date Inspected: 06-06-2022

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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				99	99
Summer				250	250

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-04-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Indianola Child Care - Emerson has been in operation since 1996. The center uses the school's cafeteria, gym and the music room for program space. The center also uses the school's playground. The school has secured entrances. Kim Post is the Administrative Director. Kim has served in this role for many years. Cheyenne Archibold is the on site supervisor. She started in August 2019. Cheyenne has an AA in Early Childhood. She has previous experience as an on site supervisor in another daycare prior to coming to Indianola Child Care.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The schedule/ lesson plan are also posted. Children's coats and backpacks are placed on hooks in the cafeteria. The center uses a white board that lists the program areas. Children can choose rooms they would like to go to. Staff monitor the white board to ensure ratio requirements are met in all program rooms. The cafeteria has several interest areas set up for children's use. The music room has some laptops and the center also brings other toys and games to this room.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Cheyenne assisted with the visit at the center. Kim assisted with the review of the staff and children's files. Cheyenne and six additional staff working today. Thirty nine children were in attendance today. Children were observed in all the program areas. Children were doing crafts and playing within the interest areas. Children were playing large motor games in the gym. Staff were observed interacting with the children. Staff were playing games and assisting the children with their activities.

The center serves snack after school. Menus were reviewed and reflect CACFP guidelines are followed. Snack served today was pizza and milk.

The center uses the school's playground. The playground has various surfacing materials. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation except for field trips. The center uses school buses for transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in QRS and has a four star rating. Kim has many years of experience leading the Indianola Child Care programs. Kim provides great leadership and expertise to the ICC programs. The center has spacious programming space. The rooms are well supplied with age appropriate materials and toys. Children are offered large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the school's gym and playground.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823); email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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