

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

Name of Center: Building Bright Beginnings **Enrollment:** 56 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21572

Street: 202 Byron AVE **City:** Waterloo **Iowa Zip** 50702 **County:** Black Hawk

Mailing Address: 202 Byron AVE, Waterloo, IA, 50702

Director's Name: Sami Stamatiades **Phone Number:** 319-287-6094

On-Site Supervisor(s): Debi Wilson **E-Mail:** bbbsami@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-05-2018

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

Date Inspected: 04-29-2016

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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:	<i><u>Year-round</u></i>	<i><u>School-Year</u></i>	<i><u>Summer Only</u></i>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	23	4	11	6	44
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 04-01-2017 to 04-01-2019
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost

Date: 03-27-2018

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 03/05/18 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Building Bright Beginnings in Waterloo. I met with Sami Stamatiades, the owner and director. She has owned and operated the center since December 2001, but she had been employed at the center since September 1996. Debi Wilson is the on-site supervisor. Ms. Wilson has been employed at the center since 1996 and she is the lead teacher in the infant room. There are ten staff members employed by the center, including Ms. Stamatiades.

Building Bright Beginnings operates out of a free standing building. It operates Monday through Friday 5:30 am until 5:30 pm. The center offers a preschool program that operates daily from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. There are currently 56 children enrolled in the center. The program serves infants through school-aged children.

The center operates out of three rooms. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting for two of the rooms and one room uses artificial lighting. The preschool and infant rooms are decorated with posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. The children's birthdays were posted. There is an area for circle time.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, writing, math, woodworking, sensory table, and music. 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.

The center uses the Creative Curriculum, but also implements other resources into their lesson plans. The center prepares activities based on weekly themes. The themes are the same for the entire center. The current theme is dental health. Lesson plans were posted and available for review.

There was a phone with emergency numbers on each level. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and diagrams were posted by the main program and outdoor exits. A daily schedule was posted.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. A radon test was completed in March 2017 and is good for two years. Results were within EPA guidelines. The fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site on each level. On the upper level it was in the hallway outside the infant room and on the lower level it was on a shelf by the furnace room. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 04/29/16.

In the medication box on the lower level there were items that need to be removed because they cannot be used on children without a signed medication authorization form. These items include hydrogen peroxide, insect sting and burn cream, non-aspirin pills and antacids. There was Benadryl for a four-year-old child and the instructions state that the product should not be used for children ages 2-5 unless directed by a doctor. You must have a doctor's note to provide this medication. Additionally, for Tylenols, acetaminophens, Motrin and pain and fever reducers brought in for children under the age of

two-years-old, make sure to read the directions closely as many state a doctor's note is necessary to provide the dosage. If a parent provides this medication they must also bring a note from a doctor to state the dosage.

The temperatures in the kitchen refrigerator, freezer and chest freezer were running high. Ms. Stamatiades states they had someone from People's Appliance in to check the items because the temperatures go up and down and he did not identify any issues. She is aware of the problem and is monitoring them.

There is a small tear in the mat used on the changing table in the infant room bathroom. This must be replaced.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ms. Stamatiades states they have good staff retention, which is great. Staff members get along well with one another.

The center has security at the entrance and has added cameras to the rooms. Ms. Stamatiades hopes to update the cameras.

Ms. Stamatiades states the center has great relationships with their families and the children always return if they have to leave for a period of time.

Ms. Stamatiades is flexible with the families she works with.

The center staff works with Child Care Resource and Referral as necessary in an attempt to improve the quality of the child care services and environment. They also work with AEA-267 to provide assistance to children with identified needs.

Ms. Stamatiades has been involved in child care with this center since 1996. She took over ownership in December 2001. This has provided families, children and staff members with consistency and stability.

The program is a bus stop for two local Waterloo schools.

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

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.

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109.15(5)a: Sufficient refrigeration is provided appropriate to perishable food.

Additional concerns: The temperatures in the kitchen refrigerator, freezer and chest freezer were running high. Ms. Stamatiades states they had someone from People's Appliance in to check the items because the temperatures go up and down and he did not identify any issues. She is aware of the problem and is monitoring them.

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. Please review the report carefully and correct the concerns identified during this visit as well as concerns from the previous licensing visit.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 319-292-2429; email rfrost@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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