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

Name of Center: Bridge to Beginnings: A Child's Place Preschool **Enrollment:** 136 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51015

Street: 610 Maiden Lane **City:** Muscatine Iowa **Zip** 52761 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: 610 Maiden Lane, Muscatine, IA, 52761

Director's Name: Mikelle Cooke **Phone Number:** 563-506-9068

On-Site Supervisor(s): Mary Wetzel and Erin Jones **E-Mail:** bridgetobeginnings@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-12-2023

Licensing Visit X **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:** 03-19-2020

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

Date Inspected: 02-01-2023

Comments : Does Comply.

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

Financial Type: X Profit 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 X 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	36	22	113	113	284
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2022 to 07-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 06-19-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Bridge to Beginnings on 6/12/2023. The center provides childcare for infants-school aged children. The center is open from 4:30am to 5:30pm. The center has 136 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 2/1/2023.

The director is Mikelle Cooke. Mikelle opened the center in 3/2020.

The onsite supervisor is Mary Wetzel and Erin Jones. Mary started at the center in 12/2020. Erin is working on her CDA. She started in 6/2020.

This worker observed all classrooms. The center has 8 classrooms, a cafeteria and a gym. The center's curriculum is teacher created.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed.

The center does offer field trips for children enrolled in kindergarten and older. Examples include Wild Cat Den, Discovery Park, Alpaca Farm, Blueberry Farm, Aquatic Center, Deep Lakes, John Deere Museum and Circa 21.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center uses Brightwheel for open communication.
-Several staff are in the process of completing Child Development Associate's.
-The center purchased Astroturf for their infant to 2 year old playground. This allows for the children to have access to slides, a climbing structure, and tunnel.
-The center has established working relationships with CCR&R and the Nurse Consultant.

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

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: 2

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: 1

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-The center must ensure that choking hazards and plastic bags are stored inaccessible to the children.
-The center must ensure that cleaning supplies (including in the kitchen and storage closets) are stored inaccessible to the children.

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.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.