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

Name of Center: Future Bulldogs Child Care **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51513

Street: 119 SW 2nd ST **City:** Ogden Iowa **Zip** 50212 **County:** Boone

Mailing Address: PO Box 125, Pilot Mound, IA, 50223

Director's Name: Alexa Peterson **Phone Number:** 515-230-4771

On-Site Supervisor(s): Taylor Nuehring **E-Mail:** futurebulldogscc@Gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-27-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-02-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-25-2024

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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 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	7	10	10	10	37
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 08-27-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 8/27/24. The director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Future Bulldogs Child Care is a center located within a wing of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ogden, IA. The center was given permission to open on 8/23/21. There are four classrooms. The infant classroom has a capacity of seven children. The other three classrooms all have a capacity of 10 children. The center serves children six weeks in age to five years in age using the Frog Street Learning Curriculum. The center is open year-round and also has a drop-in care component.

The center is overseen by a Board. The director of this center is Alexa Peterson. Alexa has a business degree and also has past experience working in child care. The on-site supervisor is Taylor Nuehring. Taylor has a BA degree as well as past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were observed napping in cribs and engaged in tummy time in the infant classroom. The staff member in the infant classroom was sitting on the floor with children and also bottle feeding an infant. In other classrooms, children were engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations made available to them. Some children were observed playing with manipulative toys and some children were doing art projects. Later, a classroom was observed outside on the playground. Staff were engaged with all children and their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Enrollment remains steady.

The director has past experience working in child care.

The center uses the Bright Wheel app for further communication with parents, daily sheets, billing, etc.

All staff meetings are held about every other month.

Drop in care is an option. A week's notice is preferred to ensure space is available, but not required.

The center was clean and had good lighting.

The director believes she has a good working relationship with other church personnel and that staff work well together.

Good staff/child interactions were observed.

A radon mitigation system is in place.

The director believes the new Frog Street Learning Curriculum being used is a benefit for children as well as staff teaching this curriculum.

There is a secure entrance.

There is a security video surveillance system in place.

Playground renovations have been completed on the playground in the form of new surfacing and a new climbing structure.

The center has started the IQ4K process which is voluntary and based on best practice.

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

109.10(11): Smoking and use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the center and every vehicle used to transport children. Prohibited in outdoor play area during hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance and in every vehicle used to transport. Signs shall include: Telephone number for reporting complaints. Internet address to DPH.
A No Smoking sign is needed in the van.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area. One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes. Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
The diapering procedures were not posted in one of the restrooms that had the changing table in it.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
Pop tarts, vanilla wafers, and jello are not considered credible food items per CACFP. Another item needs to be served if these items are served as extras. There was one day milk was missing as part of the snack. There were two days were a vegetable was missing when breakfast items were served for lunch. This consultant recommended hash browns on those days.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last conducted 3/8/23 - 3/10/23. The center had to retest and also put in a radon mitigation system as a couple of classrooms came back with radon levels above the 4.0 cutoff. With retesting, levels were below 4.0. However, the center will have to remain, at least for now, testing for radon in classrooms every two years.

The boiler was last serviced on 9/7/23 so it is again coming due.

The center has a van that they use for transportation/field trips. Preschool children are eligible to go on field trips. The van is serviced regularly.

I - Power and IQ4K were again discussed at the visit. The center has started the IQ4K process. It appears all staff have I-Power profiles and trainings are being uploaded.

There is still one bolt on a fence gate that needs to be cut/capped. This consultant looked at many bolts to see they had been cut/capped.

It is recommended no Boppy pillows be used in the infant classroom.

*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.