

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

Name of Center: Magic Depot Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 120 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6904

Street: 307 Jasper St **City:** Onawa **Iowa Zip** 51040 **County:** Monona

Mailing Address: 307 Jasper St, Onawa, IA, 51040

Director's Name: Kelli Beedle **Phone Number:** 712-433-1998

On-Site Supervisor(s): Abbi Gerholdt **E-Mail:** magic.depot@westmonona.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-21-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-01-2021

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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	20	20	52	48	140
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 10-12-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made on 9-21-2023. Magic Depot Child Care Center, Inc. is located in the Early Childhood Development Center. There are 120 children enrolled in your program - child care services are offered to infants to twelve year olds. Kelli Beedle became the director in February 2020, and she has worked at the center since April 2017. Abbi Gerholdt is the on-site supervisor.

Observation of rooms:

The program rooms looked great and were in ratio. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment that is rotated frequently.

The children were having fun participating in a variety of activities. The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.

The daily sheets looked good.

Make sure the program rooms have lesson plans/activities, a couple rooms need detailed information on the lesson plans/activities. Different lesson plan formats are being used, maybe it would be easier for training and consistency to have one lesson plan format. I am recommending that you review the lesson plan/activities for each room each week.

Three program rooms had staff purses that were accessible to the children. This is a safety hazard, please make sure staff place their purses and personal belongings in a place that isn't accessible to children.

Kelli and Abbi said it is very difficult to find new staff to hire, they both have to work in rooms due to lack of staff.

Nutrition:

West Monona School prepares the lunch for the younger children and for the preschool age children during the school year.

The center provides breakfast and snack. Weekly menus are provided. During the summer the children three and older participate in the free breakfast and lunch program.

The kitchen was clean and proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:

The center practices and documents monthly fire and tornado drills.

The center will be completing radon testing in September or October 2023. The last radon testing was completed in September 2021, all test results were under a 4.0 pCi/L. Kelli reported that she is making an appointment for the annual fuel burning inspection.

The center follows the medication management procedures when the children are prescribed medication. Food allergies are posted.

The center is using Bleach/water for sanitizing and Oxivir Tb for disinfecting. There continues to be confusion with the mixing instructions for sanitizing using the bleach/water. At least one room stated they weren't measuring the amount of bleach they are using when mixing with the water. This is a repeat violation from last years licensing visit. You will need to train staff on the sanitizing procedure. Please make sure you are using the same size bottles for program room. Determine if staff in each room are mixing their own bottle for sanitizing or is one person mixing all bottles for sanitizing. 3 bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. You EPA approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. If you are using bleach/water this must be mixed daily and you must follow the directions on the bottle or the specific

website on the bottle for sanitizing mixing instructions. Disinfecting is for diaper changing. Sanitizing is for food surface areas and hard surface toys. It is recommended that you contact your child care nurse consultant for consultation and training. Staff are responsible for cleaning the rooms and have a cleaning routine list. The rooms are swept and mopped twice a day.

Playground:

The center has playground areas for different age groups. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:

The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:

Kelli reported that the staff and child files are compliant and in good order.

The center will apply for the IQ4K program.

Kelli maintains regular contact with all staff.

The center has an active supportive board.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kelli and Abbi were very helpful during my visit. Kelli is very creative and proud of the center and staff. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they are positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The center is an excellent resource for the community.

Kelli applies for grants. The center has fundraising events throughout the year i.e. popcorn sale, dinner, movie concessions.

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

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.

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109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.

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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2022 to 8-1-2024.

Off year licensing visit 9-21-2023.

Please send me an email by November 1, 2023 and let me know the dates and scores of the current radon testing, let me know the date that the annual fuel burning inspection was completed and let me know how the noncompliance areas listed above have been corrected.

*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.