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

Name of Center: All Star Day Care **Enrollment:** 87 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25462

Street: 1408 E Court Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50316 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1408 E Court Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50316

Director's Name: Karen Newcomb **Phone Number:** 515-282-6516

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kami Chicas **E-Mail:** allstardaycare@live.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-25-2023

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:** 07-07-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-30-2021

Comments :

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 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	18	69		123
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-28-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

All Star Daycare has been in operation since 2005. The center moved to it's current location in August 2022. The center is located in a single standing building with a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through five years of age. Karen Newcomb is the owner and director. She was a registered in home daycare provider prior to opening All Star Daycare. Kami Chicas is the on site supervisor. She began in this role in July 2017. Kami started employment with All Star Daycare in March 2017. Kami has ten years of experience in the child care field.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Each classroom has a schedule posted. One classroom didn't have a current lesson plan available. Each classroom is well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, materials and toys. Classrooms with children ages two and up have defined interest centers. Each classroom has it's own restroom or shares a restroom with the classroom next door. The older classrooms have children's artwork displayed.

The infant classroom had eight infants present. Two staff were scheduled to work in this room. There were some medical issues and staff called in sick this morning so Karen was working in this classroom at the time of the visit. The toddler classroom had eleven toddlers present. Two staff were working in this classroom. Karen was not aware this classroom was out of ratio. The 2's classroom had fourteen children present. Two staff were working in the 2's classroom. The preschool room had twenty children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The PreK class had twenty three children present. Two staff were working with this age group. Children were observed during rest time and during transition time.

The center is on the federal food program. The center has a full kitchen and has a cook on staff. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are prepared weekly.

The center has a playground with fencing. There is rubber tile for surfacing material. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center participates in the Women's Empowerment Program through United Way, which provides a great deal of support to centers. Karen has many years of management in child care. The center has video monitoring cameras in the classrooms. The center has a room that is used for large motor play on inclement weather days.

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

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
The toddler classroom was out of ratio today.
It is concerning that staff did not let Karen know they had been out of ratio since 9:00 am. It is also concerning that Karen wasn't aware she had a classroom out of ratio for two hours.

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.
The 2's classroom did not have a current lesson plan.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room's arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
There were no cot sheets on the majority of the classrooms. This is a repeat violation. Karen showed this worker cot sheets that were clean and available for classrooms.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age:Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat.No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.No co-sleeping shall be allowed.Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.
An infant was swaddled today. There is no note from the infant's pediatrician in the child's file. There is no medical reason for the infant to be swaddled.

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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