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

Name of Center: St Joseph's Daycare **Enrollment:** 92 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19129

Street: 403 Park St **City:** Bellevue Iowa **Zip** 52031 **County:** Jackson

Mailing Address: 403 Park Street, Bellevue, IA, 52031

Director's Name: Heather Weber **Phone Number:** 563-872-3284

On-Site Supervisor(s): Megan Goedken **E-Mail:** jhweber06@yahoo.com

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

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **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: 04-12-2022

Comments :

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 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	20	25	36	13	94
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 06-09-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 6/6/23. The center director, Heather Weber, was present along with other staff. Heather has a Bachelor's Degree in early childhood and elementary education. The center is owned and operated by the St. Joseph's Catholic Church and School. There is a school board that oversees the school and the child care. The center uses designated space within the elementary school building. The center does provide before and after school care and non-school day school age child care for children from this school as well as for children from the public school.

The program includes the following program rooms on the main floor of the building that are currently in use: "Big Dogs Room" (room 1123, three year old preschool school year, school age child care after school and non school days), "Little Einsteins Room" (room 1106, three to five year old preschool/child care), "Little Ducklings Room" (room 1105, 18 months to three year old child care and combined child care at the very beginning and very end of the day), and "Itty Bitty Room" (six week to 18 months). Program rooms are spacious, organized, and bright with large windows. Program rooms generally include an ample supply of materials to support program needs. The main floor includes hallway restrooms near the licensed space separated for boys and girls with several toilets/urinals/sinks in each. The Big Dogs Room and the Little Einsteins Room do each have a hand washing sink in the room, but children from these rooms all have to travel to use the restroom. The Little Ducklings Room includes one diaper station and two hand washing sinks within the program room. The room includes an adjacent toilet room. The hand washing sinks are located just outside the toilet room door. The room also includes a sink used for food preparation activities only. The Itty Bitty Room includes two diaper stations and three separate sinks, one used for food/bottle prep and dish washing activities only. There are hallway restroom areas with multiple toilets and sinks for boys and girls near the gym as well.

The children are able to use the gym area as well. The center director states that school age children currently eat lunch here.

All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Breakfast and snack items are prepared in the daycare and infant program rooms. Lunch comes from the IDPH licensed school kitchen. The license for the kitchen is current.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director has been functioning in that capacity for the past several years. She is qualified by experience and education as noted above. The program rooms are bright with windows and provide ample space for program activities. The rooms are generally well stocked with accessible materials, furnishings that appear to be age appropriate, and are generally well organized. The children's projects are displayed throughout the center. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The building appears to be clean and well maintained. The center director states that all new flooring has been installed throughout the center. Licensing documentation and staff files

were found to be highly organized at this visit.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.6(6) Record checks. d. National criminal history checks (3) The child care center shall provide fingerprints to the department of public safety prior to a person's involvement with child care at the center.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the national record check submitted prior to the staff's involvement with child care as is required.

109.7(1) All staff (within first three months of employment): • Two hours of approved training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse within three months of employment. • At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. • Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. • Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. • Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the first aid and cpr completed within the first three months of employment as required.

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.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the physical completed pre-employment as required.
2. _1_ staff file reviewed physical was due in 9/2022 and not yet completed.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. 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.
1. Safety hazards observed in accessible drawer in the little ducklings room (miscellaneous choking hazards, batteries, Mr. Clean sponge, etc.).
2. Bleach product the center is using in the itty bittys room for sanitizing is not EPA registered and thus should not be used. Use an EPA registered product and follow the specific manufacturer's instructions for the product.
3. Chemicals accessible in lower cabinet in the itty bittys room.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The center is reminded to ensure that no staff in ratio are involved with dish/bottle washing activities.
2. Tables and chairs in the little einsteins room appear too tall for a portion of the children. Children shall be able to sit in chairs with their feet on the floor and the table meeting at just above the waist/at the ribcage area. This room may need a couple of different sized tables and chairs with the age range of three to five year old children.
3. Fix closet/tall cabinet door in the little ducklings room so that it closes properly and does not present pinch hazard.
4. Remove all items from diaper station surface in little ducklings room (diapers and pens observed). No items shall be set on this surface and just the items used for each diaper change shall be obtained prior to starting the diaper change.
5. Ensure general summary of activities is included for each child not yet two years old on the daily written report.
6. Snack menu needs to be posted where visible to parents.
7. Ensure no less than two hours and no more than three hours between the start times of meals and snacks. The school age schedule needs to be adjusted to meet this requirement.
8. Ensure center has written permission from the parent to release any children to the school bus (updated annually).

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.