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

Name of Center: Taylor Tots Family Childcare Center LLC **Enrollment:** 68 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52229

Street: 1325 Cedar ST **City:** Tipton Iowa **Zip** 52772 **County:** Cedar

Mailing Address: 1325 Cedar ST, Tipton, IA, 52772

Director's Name: Rhonda Taylor Assistant: Kaylee Wehmeyer **Phone Number:** 563-895-0062

On-Site Supervisor(s): Michelle Henderson **E-Mail:** taylortotsfcc@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-26-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-06-2023

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	20	14	24	17	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-17-2024 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 08-07-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Taylor Tots Family Childcare Center LLC – 52229 on 6/26/2024 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 7/6/2023. The center is for profit.
The center serves infants-school aged children. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 6:00am to 5:30pm. Their current enrollment is 68.

The director/owner is Rhonda Taylor. She opened the center in 7/2023. Rhonda ran an in-home child care center since 1986. She has a Child Care Degree/Diploma from Muscatine Community College.

The assistant director is Kaylee Wehmeyer. She started in 5/2024. She has a bachelor's degree.

The on-site supervisor is Michelle Henderson. She started in 7/2023.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center is in a commercial building. The center has 5 classrooms, kitchen, staff break room and office. The center's playground includes climbing structures, basketball, playhouses, water tables, sprinklers, etc.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center offers breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed. The center does communicate with parents via: Brightwheel.

The center's curriculum is teacher created with a blend of: Carol's Affordable Curriculum.

The center does offer field trips. Examples include: swimming pool, nursing home, and library.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center partners with Grantwood AEA, Child Care Resource and Referral, and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.
-The center has a child friendly environment with beautiful murals.
-Staff have years of experience in the field.
-The center is clean and organized.
-The center works diligently to always maintain ratio.
-The center installed cameras.

-The management is always open to suggestions made by HHS.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.

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.
-Staff purses/backpacks were accessible to the children. These must always be stored inaccessible. This poster should be posted in the staff break room:
https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf

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. As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf

This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year. This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center's CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings. Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center's CCNC consultant visit:
https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

*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.