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

Name of Center: Future Bulldogs Child Care **Enrollment:** 32 **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:** 515-450-9423

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** futurebulldogscc@Gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-16-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received 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: 06-04-2021

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:** 08-17-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 8/16/23. 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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Future Bulldogs Child Care is a newer 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.

During the visit, children were observed napping on cots or mats, napping in cribs, watching a movie (four/five year old children not sleeping) and then getting up as a group to wash hands before eating the PM snack.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a newer center that meets a need in the community. Enrollment remains steady from last year.

The director has past experience working in child care.

The center uses the Bright Wheels app for further communication with parents.

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.

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. Good redirection was observed and overheard by a staff member towards one child who was having some difficulty at the time of the visit.

A radon mitigation system has been installed within the past year. The center has plans to renovate the playground in the

near future.

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

The center purchased a van within the past year that they now use for transportation for field trips and to/from school.

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

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
All child files need to have documentation that files are updated annually even if no changes.

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. 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. Fall zone space was not at least six feet around the main climbing structure on the playground.
2. The sanitizing/disinfecting product bottles need to be labeled.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
The boiler is past due for inspection.

109.12(4): Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner. Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
When being stored and not in use, children's bedding should not be touching other children's bedding unless the bedding is washed daily after use (clean).

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.
There was one issue in the kitchen area with dry food storage not being sufficient.

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 5/4/22 so it is past 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.

It is again recommended that the Emergency Preparedness kit be stored in a suitcase that has wheels for easier transport if ever needed.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.