

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

Name of Center: Skip-A-Long Child Development Services **Enrollment:** 101 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19680

Street: 3520 Crow Creek RD **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52807 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 3520 Crow Creek RD, Davenport, IA, 52807

Director's Name: Jill Lyon **Phone Number:** 563-441-9998

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kim Boyd **E-Mail:** JillL@skip-a-long.org

Date(s) of Visit: 08-19-2020

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

Date Inspected: 07-22-2020

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 X Other 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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	44	36	104		184
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 5

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 12-01-2019 to 12-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

Date: 09-04-2020

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 8/19/20. The center director, Jill Lyon, and other staff were present. Jill has a B.S. degree in elementary education and has worked at this center as an assistant to the director for 10 years prior to becoming the director. Jill has the Aim 4 Excellence director credential. Kim Boyd is the approved on site supervisor and was also present for the licensing visit. This center serves children age six weeks to 12 years old. Younger school age children attend the center during the summer and on school breaks. The center is one of three non-profit centers with the same name. The other two locations are in Illinois. The center operation is governed by a voluntary board of directors. Marcy Mendenhall is the CEO of the organization, Skip-A-Long Family and Community Services. The organization owns the building. It is a one level building. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. The children who attend that program are also present for child care services at the center.

This is a large center that utilizes nine program rooms with various theme names and various age groups from infants to school-age children including: ducklings (approximately eight to 18 months), bunnies (15 to 23 months), tadpoles (two to three years), grasshoppers (younger threes sometimes two year olds), lightning bugs (three to four years), dragonflies (voluntary preschool room and used for school age children), hummingbirds (voluntary preschool room and used for school age children), chipmunks (two to three years), and turtles (youngest infants). The program rooms are sufficiently furnished with materials to support program needs. Learning/activity centers/materials included: books, science, music, puzzles, blocks, toys, dramatic play, arts/crafts, sensory table, and writing. Program rooms included adjacent restroom areas, some shared between rooms, as well as sink(s) located within the program rooms used for hand washing. Infant/toddler/some two year old rooms included diapering stations within the program rooms. The center uses the large hallway area for indoor large motor play at times when outside play is not possible. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Lunch is catered from the local Hy-Vee grocery store. The center prepares breakfast and snacks for the children on-site. The center participates in CACFP. The center does have a separate kitchen and pantry area. A staff is designated for kitchen duties.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center continues with the highest five star QRS rating. The center is accredited through the National Accreditation Commission. The staff and administration appear to work well together and manage this large center quite well. Program rooms offer plenty of space for the children with the exception of the chipmunks room which is quite small (measured with maximum capacity of seven children). Program rooms are bright with windows and decorated with the children's projects as was the hallway area. Plenty of materials are accessible to support program needs. One of the four year old rooms includes SMART Board technology. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities in all program rooms. The center director states the center plans to install touch free soap and paper towel dispensers throughout the center. Hand washing timers are also in use. It is noted that the rooms appear generally cleaner and more organized. At least some of the flooring has been professionally cleaned last fall.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is noted that though all program space was observed, the main focus/topic of this year's visit was to discuss health and safety practices as they pertain to the COVID-19 pandemic. The center director outlined all of the additional health and safety practices she and the staff have put into place as recommended in response.

1. Staff need to improve supervision of hand washing activities in some of the rooms to ensure children follow procedures as they are posted, that children do not grab onto the hand washing sink as they are getting down from stools, and that children do not touch paper towel dispensers after washing hands.

The center will remain with a full license. Please address the concern noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. 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.