

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

**Name of Center:** Clarksville Child Development LLC **Enrollment:** 54 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 44490

**Street:** 111 S Main St **City:** Clarksville **Iowa Zip** 50619 **County:** Butler

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 279, Clarksville, IA, 50619

**Director's Name:** Jessica Reints **Phone Number:** 319-278-4076

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Laura Havlik **E-Mail:** clarksvillechildddevelopment@butler-bremer.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 07-23-2020

**Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** X **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:** 02-26-2018

**Comments :**

**LICENSE TYPE:** X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

**Financial Type:** X **Profit** **Non-Profit** NA

**Accreditation:** **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:	<i><u>Year-round</u></i>	<i><u>School-Year</u></i>	<i><u>Summer Only</u></i>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	10	11	18	14	53
Summer					0

**QRS Rating:** N/A

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 03-01-2019 to 03-01-2021
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCATION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury

Date: 07-30-2020

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

N/A

## II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was made to Clarksville Child Development, LLC in Clarksville on 07-23-20 where I met with lead teacher Laura Havlik as the center director and owner, Jessica Reints was not in. This center was given permission to open on 12/01/14. Ms. Reints has a BA in early childhood education and previous experience with Head Start. The center provides daycare programming to infants through school-age children, and preschool programming each day from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. There are currently 54 children enrolled in the center served by 13 staff. All aspects of the program subject to licensing standards were reviewed.

The program is located in a storefront building in the downtown area of Clarksville and has a long open floor plan that is divided into classroom spaces by panel dividers. Windows provide natural lighting in the front and rear of the center and artificial lighting is also used. The classroom spaces are determined by age groups with the preschool program in a larger space on one side of the building. Bathroom facilities are located off the main programming area for all children. While there were some minor maintenance issues none rose to the level of being an immediate safety concern.

Each classroom was observed to be clean. Each space is divided into activity centers through the placement of low shelves, furniture, and play structures. The arrangement in each classroom was such that it provided the children with room to move and play while not creating any blind areas. Each center was stocked with toys and materials were in good repair and appropriate to the ages of the children present. It was noted in the school age area that a television was present which needs to be secured so that it is not a topple hazard. Each classroom had a copy of the daily schedule and curriculum posted. Good interactions were observed in all classrooms with the teachers being engaged with the children and attending to their needs.

Good health and safety practices were observed. The center has implemented several temporary practices as required due to emergency proclamations related to the current Coronavirus pandemic. The center is limiting access, checking temps of children and visitors, removed soft toys, and implemented enhanced cleaning. I was not able to observe a diaper change on the day of my visit but the center does have the required changing procedures posted. Medications were properly stored and labeled. The center does need to ensure that children that have identified allergies have an allergy response plan in their files, and kept in emergency cards when engaged in off-site activities. First aid kits are kept in classrooms and taken as a whole the center does have materials necessary to address most common first aid needs. The center is currently using a bleach water solution for cleaning and disinfecting surfaces but there was some question regarding whether the proper dilution and dwell times were being used. As a reminder staff need to read and follow label or manufacturer directions for all products.

The center does have a small playground space at the back of the building. The playground is enclosed by wooden fencing which did have some missing boards and hardware that was backing out and needs to be repaired. There was a wooden climbing structure which had been placed in one corner along the back wall of the fence so that it did not have sufficient fall zones. The center needs to ensure that fall zones are compliant with guidelines established in the CPSC Public Playground Safety Handbook which can be found at the following link (<https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/325.pdf>). The climbing structure has a slide element which has sustained damage and needs to be repaired or replaced before children are allowed

to use the slide. The center is using pea gravel for fall surfacing which was beginning to develop a hard pan layer and will need to be monitored and aerated or additional material installed to ensure a proper depth of loose fill is maintained. Shade is provided by an umbrella structure and the building.

The center has a small kitchen space and meals are prepared on site. A menu was posted and provides a good variety of nutritious meal options. Good food handling practices were observed. The center does need to review food storage practices to ensure that all food items were kept in air tight sealable food grade containers once the original packaging seal has been broken.

All required notices were posted in an area that was readily accessible and visible to all parents. In reviewing staff and child files the center does maintain a self-audit of what elements are present and needed in both sets of files but it does not identify dates to track when those elements will expire. As a result when conducting the review 4 child files were randomly selected and of those 2 had expired physicals, and 1 was considered invalid due to being a parental statement of health for a pre-school age child. As a reminder parental statements of health can only be used for school age children which are defined as being enrolled in Kindergarten or above. In reviewing staff files 1 employee had an expired Iowa SING check, and the other was invalid as a Record Check Evaluation had not been completed. Several files also did not have documentation of annual on-going professional development. Inspection logs and certificates were current and valid

### **III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center has a positive reputation in the community and seeks to support the community by having parents complete feedback sheets, provide emergency care, and flexible scheduling.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

-- 1 file was expired, 1 file was incomplete and considered invalid due to a Record Check Evaluation not having been completed.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.

-- Several staff did not have documentation of all required on-going annual professional development .

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

-- Number not in compliance: 3

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. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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.

-- The outdoor playground is not safe. Damaged equipment shall be repaired, replaced, or removed and child restricted from use until those issues are corrected. Climbing structures shall be moved or other measures put in place to ensure that fall zones are present as identified by the CPSC Public Playground Safety Handbook (<https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/325.pdf>). The TV in the school age room shall be secured so that it is not a topple hazard.

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. Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.

-- All food items must be stored in air tight sealable food grade containers once the original packaging seal has been broken. This is required for all foods whether kept in kitchens or classrooms and whether intended for consumption by the children or not.

109.9(2)g: Any child with allergies, a written emergency plan. Copy shall accompany child if they leave the premises.

-- Allergy plans were not present. Plans shall include contact information for the child's family and physician, identification of the allergen, common symptoms, where it is commonly found, plans to prevent accidental exposure, and plans to treat accidental exposure.

## **V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license will remain in effect at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying a plan of action to correct and maintain those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

\*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.