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

Name of Center: NCJC-Pheasant Ridge **Enrollment:** 72 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20953

Street: 2651 Roberts Rd **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52246 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: PO BOX 2491, Iowa City, IA, 52244

Director's Name: Jana Garrelts **Phone Number:** 319-358-0438

On-Site Supervisor(s): Heather Simms **E-Mail:** jana-garrelts@ncjc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-17-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-03-2021

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

Date Inspected: 07-11-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X NAEYC NSACA 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:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	10	12	37	19	78
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 5

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2021 to 07-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 11-20-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at NCJC Pheasant Ridge for an annual visit on 11/17/2022. The center is nonprofit. The center provides childcare for infants to school age children. The center is open Monday-Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm. The center has 72 children enrolled.

The center is inside of a commercial building. The center has five classrooms, a library, conference room, two kitchens and several offices. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/11/2022.

The director is Jana Garrelts. Jana has been employed with the center since 1998. She has a bachelor's degree in Health Promotion and a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

The on-site supervisor is Heather Simms. Heather started in 2008. She has an Elementary Education degree with an endorsement in Early Childhood Education.

The center's curriculum is a blend of Creative Curriculum, Iowa Early Learning Standards, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, Everyday Mathematics, Handwriting Without Tears, Read It Again, Second Step.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

The center does offer walking field trips around the neighborhood. The center has gone to the library, Fareway, park, etc.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation.
-The center is Quality Rating Scale Level 5.
-The center accepts child care assistance.
-Jana started in 1997. Estella started in 2007. Heather in 2008. Rania started in 2014. Jihan and Nahia started in 2015. Majda started in 2016. Zouhal started in 2018. Dashemma started in 2019.
-The center uses ProCare.
-The center is doing Family Style Dining.
-The center does monthly in house training on Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. The director does classroom observations to focus on strengths and areas to improve.
-Each classroom does an activity with parents 6 times a year. This is based on what parents need/want.

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

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
-Number invalid: 1

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Tacks and magnets cannot be accessible to children under the age of three years. These are choking hazards.
-Cleaning supplies cannot be accessible to children.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.