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

Name of Center: Sugar Babies Academy **Enrollment:** 34 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51827

Street: 2550 73rd ST **City:** Urbandale Iowa **Zip** 50322 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2550 73rd ST, Urbandale, IA, 50322

Director's Name: Takhila Jumper **Phone Number:** 515-270-0253

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** lenaearku@yahoo.com Sugarbabiesiriana@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-16-2024

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:** 07-11-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-26-2022

Comments : Urbandale Fire Marshal did the initial inspection. The center will most likely move to the State Fire Marshal for their next inspections moving forward. Per licensing, fire marshal inspections are due at least every three years. The center will be due for another inspection in 4/2025.

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: 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	10	16	9	0	35
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 07-22-2024

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 7/16/24. The owner and the director were both= 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.

Sugar Babies Academy is a newer center in Urbandale, IA that was given permission to open on 6/1/22. The center serves children ages two through five years of age using their own learning curriculum that is based off of other learning curriculums. The center is open year-round. Drop in services are available. The center would prefer at least a 24 hour notice to ensure services for drop in care are available. There are a total of three classrooms. The two year old room has a capacity of 10 children. The two/three year old classroom has a capacity of 16 children. The four/five year old classroom has a capacity of nine children.

Lenae Arku is the owner of this center. Lenae is also the owner of Sugar Babies Nursery in Urbandale and Smarty Pants Childcare in Des Moines. Takhila Jumper is the director of this program and Sugar Babies Nursery. Takhila has an AA degree as well as a lot of years of experience working in child care.

During the visit, all of the children in three classrooms were lying down for naps.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a newer center that meets a growing need in the community. Enrollment has increased over the past year.

There are drop in services available.

The center was very clean and had good natural lighting throughout.

Weekly individual staff meetings are held and monthly all-staff meetings are held.

The center works with their CCR&R consultant as needed.

There is a good mix of tenured and newer staff.

This is center and Sugar Babies Nursery have the same handbooks and can share staff as needed. There is continuity.

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

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age. There was a 13 year old child present in the four/five year old classroom. Child care only goes up to age 12 unless there are developmental delays/diagnosis for children older than 12 years of age.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
Two child files are past due for annual updates.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: All children, regardless of age, need to have listed a doctor and a dentist. The names, addresses, and phone numbers are required.

109.9(2)c: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.
For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.
Number not in compliance: 1 child did not have a current physical in their file.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 0
Number invalid: 1 immunization was not signed/dated.

109.10(11): Smoking and use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the center and every vehicle used to transport children. Prohibited in outdoor play area during hours of operation. Nonsmoking signs shall be posted at every entrance and in every vehicle used to transport. Signs shall include: Telephone number for reporting complaints. Internet address to DPH.
The center just purchased a van. The van needs to have a No Smoking sign in it.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
Radon testing was conducted late as it was due in 6/2023 and not conducted until 5/2024. All classrooms needed testing and only one result was sent back. The one classroom did have radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff.

109.12(4): Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs. Sufficient bedding for cots and children who nap.
1. Children napping on cots need to have at least three feet spacing between each child/cot.
2. Sheets are needed for all cots while children are napping. This was an issue in classrooms.

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 were some issues with dry food storage. If not entirely consumed, food needs to be sealed sufficiently in zip-lock type bags and/or plastic storage containers.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was completed in one classroom 5/10/24 - 5/15/24. Two classrooms will need to be retested as results were "lost". If all classrooms come back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual fuel burning appliance inspection/HVAC equipment was last completed on 4/17/24.

The center recently purchased a 15 passenger van. Ratios will need to be maintained, first-aid kits will be needed in vehicles, and children's emergency contacts will also be needed. No Smoking signs will also need to be posted in all vehicles. The van will need regular maintenance/service. IT WAS NOTED THE WINDSHIELD WAS CRACKED IN SEVERAL PLACES AND WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. Staff should continue to upload their professional development training hours into their I - Power profiles. The center has begun the IQ4K process.

Staff should document right away when they do diaper changes for children who need diaper changes rather than waiting until later in the day to log these.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The center will need to do a better job with making sure files are current and complete. A referral was made to CCR&R.

*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.