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

Name of Center: Traditions Children's Center V, Bldg 200 **Enrollment:** 36 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50167

Street: 9709 White Oak Lane **City:** Johnston Iowa **Zip** 50131 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 9709 Whilte Oak Lane, Johnston, IA, 50131

Director's Name: Kathy Oliver **Phone Number:** 515-986-0302

On-Site Supervisor(s): Opheliah Gimer **E-Mail:** director2@traditions5.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-08-2024

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:** 06-11-2024

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

Date Inspected: 07-14-2023

Comments : Johnston - Grimes Fire Marshal. State licensing requirements are that these inspections be completed at least every three years.

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: 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	24	12	59	30	125
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:** 07-09-2024

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 7/8/24. The on-site supervisor 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.

Traditions Children's Center Five, Building 200 is one of nine centers owned by Robert and Bonnie Netteland. The center was given permission to open on 7/23/18. The center serves children six weeks in age to 12 years in age using components of the Creative Learning Curriculum. There are a total of eight classrooms, but not all classrooms are currently being used.

Kathy Oliver is the director of this program as well as the director next door at Traditions Five Building 100. Kathy has her CDA and also possesses many years of experience working in child care and being a director. Opheliah Gimer is the on-site supervisor at this location. Opheliah has her CDA and also possesses many years of experience working in child care, including as a director at another related program.

During the visit, children were mostly engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up in classrooms. Staff were engaged with children and all of their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director is organized and has past director experience within the company. The on-site supervisor is organized and has also been with the company for many years.

The center uses an electronic application for daily sheets and for communicating with parents and other staff. Staff and parents also use this app to sign into/out of the center.

This is one of nine centers owned by Bonnie and Robert Netteland. The same policies and procedures are used at all of the centers. All of the directors of these centers have monthly staff meetings as do on-site supervisors.

The annual child update forms used by the centers are often times used by this consultant as an example for other centers.

There is a secure entrance into the center. Parents are given a code to gain access. All other visitors have to ring a doorbell and be let in by staff.

The center will provide a fruit and milk for children to eat breakfast as a courtesy to parents in addition to providing the required AM and PM snacks and lunch. The center will serve and store cereal if parents bring in a box of cereal of their children to have.

The director and on-site supervisor believe there is a good group of staff who work well with each another.

The center was clean with a lot of natural light.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1 new staff member (second day on the job) has not yet been fingerprinted. This was expected to take place later on the day of the visit.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1 new staff (same one as above) did not have a current physical on file.

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.
More wood chips are needed around the fall zones of several climbing structures.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
A current week's lesson plan was not posted in the four/five year old classroom.

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.
Children's bedding shouldn't be touching other children's bedding. There was a pile of sheets and blankets in the closet in the four/five year old room.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last completed in classrooms 5/26/23 - 5/30/23. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. 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 furnace inspection was last completed 8/17/23.

The center transports children to/from school using center owned vans and buses. These vehicles are also used for field trips. These vehicles are serviced regularly. One bus currently isn't being used and doesn't start so it will be towed to Lund's where the center gets their vehicles serviced.

I - Power and IQ4K were again discussed at the visit. It appears all staff have I - Power profiles and training is being uploaded. The center is considering participating in IQ4K sometime in the future.

Cribs should be sanitized daily rather than weekly.

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.