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

Name of Center: UIHC Child Care and Early Education Center **Enrollment:** 79 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25120

Street: 109 Newton Rd **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52242 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 109 Newton Rd, Iowa City, IA, 52242

Director's Name: Erin Konzen Assistant: Afrika Beatty **Phone Number:** 319-335-9666

On-Site Supervisor(s): Liz Rogers **E-Mail:** uihc@brighthorizons.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-19-2024

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:** 11-19-2024

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

Date Inspected: 05-06-2024

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other NA

Program Serves: X 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*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	35	27	57		119
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 11-25-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at UIHC Child Care and Early Learning Center for an annual visit on 11/19/2024. The center provides care for infants to preschool aged children. They are open Monday-Friday 6:30am to 6:00pm. They have children 79 enrolled.

The center is located inside of. UIHC Child Care and Early Learning Center. The program uses six classrooms, enrichment center, kitchen, staff break room, nursing room, storage and offices. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 5/6/2024.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

The director is Erin Konzen. Erin started at the center on 12/18/2023.

The assistant director is Afrika Beatty. Afrika started at the center on 6/11/2019.

The onsite supervisor is Liz Rogers. Liz started at the center on 11/24/1997. She has an Associate's Degree.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center serves breakfast, morning snacks, lunch and afternoon snacks. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit.

The center's curriculum is Discovery Driven.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has National Association for the Education of Young Children Accreditation.
-The center's curriculum World at Their Fingertips® includes: Health and Wellness, Language and Literacy, Social-Emotional Learning, STEM, Thinking and Learning, Visual and Creative Arts and Toward a Better World: Community, Character, & Inclusion.
-The center uses My Bright Day™ for Parents. This is a mobile app that allows the teachers to share: photos, real-time updates on care, learning, and milestones, and other important notifications with parents/guardians.
-The center is an Eco-Healthy Child Care® (EHCC) endorsed provider.
-The center has painted the hallways, lobby restrooms, and the Early Preschool Classroom.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Temperature in the building must be addressed. Per Comm. 204: Heating: Children cannot participate appropriately in activities or rest comfortably if they are cold. The temperature should be monitored by means of a thermometer. When caring for children under the age of five, the temperature at floor level should be monitored. The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers has established comfort levels for heating and cooling, taking both health and comfort into consideration. Based on the recommendations of the Society, rooms should be maintained at a temperature of 65-75 degrees Fahrenheit when the outdoor temperature falls below 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Cooling: Likewise, children cannot participate appropriately in activities or rest comfortably if they are too warm. Children, especially infants, are also susceptible to heat exposure during unusually warm days. The temperature should be monitored with a thermometer. When caring for children under the age of five, the temperature should be monitored at floor level to ensure that it is not too cool or warm for young children and that they are properly dressed relative to the temperature. When the outdoor temperature rises above 82 degrees Fahrenheit, the room temperature should be cooled to between 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit. If air conditioning is not available, all program and dining rooms used by children should have the air circulated by fans whenever the temperature in the room exceeds 82 degrees Fahrenheit.
-There is a moisture challenge in the kitchen. There is evidence of mold by the dishwashers. A company certified in restoration and remediation should be contacted immediately.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. 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://hhs.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.