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

Name of Center: Traditions Children's Center VI **Enrollment:** 105 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47326

Street: 1195 SE University Ave **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 1195 SE University Ave, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Cambria Morris **Phone Number:** 515-216-2550

On-Site Supervisor(s): Chris Reed and Margaret Koeller **E-Mail:** director@traditions6.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-29-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-24-2022

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

Date Inspected: 07-06-2022

Comments : Waukee Fire Marshal. For licensing, fire marshal inspections are due 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	18	32	92	59	201
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 06-29-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 6/29/23. The director 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 (more from afar this year because of weather at the time of the visit), field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Traditions Children's Center VI is a center that was given permission to open under DHS supervision on 6/13/16. This is one of nine centers owned by Robert and Bonnie Netteland. The center serves children six weeks in age to roughly 12 years in age using a combination of their own learning curriculum as well as the Creative Learning Curriculum. The center is open year round and five days a week from 7:00am - 6:00pm. There are a total of nine classrooms, but not all classrooms are being used at this time.

The center director as of 9/2020 is Cambria Morris (formerly Crouse). Cambria has a BA degree and past experience working in child care including with the Traditions Company. Margaret Koeller and Chris Reed are the on-site supervisors at this center. Both individuals meet the requirements for on-site supervisor.

During the visit, children were napping in cribs, having a diaper changed, engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations in classrooms, and engaged in large motor activities in the classroom that has been turned into an indoor gym area. Staff were attentive to all children and their needs.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is one of nine centers owned by Bonnie and Robert Netteland. The same policies and procedures are used at all nine centers.

All of the directors of these centers have monthly staff meetings. Monthly staff meetings and/or monthly memos are held/sent at this center.

The annual child update forms used by all nine 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.

Staff and parents use the electronic Pro-Care system for signing into/out of the center. The center is also using this electronic app for daily sheets, some forms, and further communication with parents.

There are individual lesson plans for infants.

Staff pictures and bios are posted outside of classrooms.

Monthly newsletters are provided to parents.

When on field trips, children wear Traditions t-shirts

The director is organized.

The director believes she has a good group of staff and staff work well with each other.

The center currently participates in QRS and exploring participation in IQ4K. Both are voluntary programs based on best practice.

The center was very clean.

Enrollment has increased over the past year.

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

237A.7: Information regarding a child in a child care center or their relative is confidential. If this information is released by visual, verbal or written means, written consent from the parent or guardian is in the file or a court order allowing the release of the information.
There were several medication forms in plain view. Parents need to sign authorization if they'd like this information posted.

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 dated.

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
There was one expired allergy medication in one of the two-year old classrooms.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
This is past due as the last one on file was from 5/31/22.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff 10/21/22 - 10/24/22. 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 annual furnace inspection was completed on 5/31/22 so it is past due.

I - Power and IQ4K were again discussed at this year's visit.

This consultant's phone number needs to be changed to his current number in the center's Emergency Preparedness written plan.

*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.