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

Name of Center: Stanton Child Resource Center **Enrollment:** 94 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6917

Street: 711 Prospect St **City:** Stanton Iowa **Zip** 51573 **County:** Montgomery

Mailing Address: 711 Prospect St, Stanton, IA, 51573

Director's Name: Brie Anne Pester **Phone Number:** 712-829-2801

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** scrc@myfmtc.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-17-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 07-16-2024

Comments :

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 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	52	20	46	32	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 09-24-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Stanton Child Resource Center on 9-17-2024. The center opened in August 2005. Child care services are provided to children six weeks to school age from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. During the summer full day programming is offered to school age children. The center is located right off the highway in Stanton, Iowa. The center moved into their new building on 8-19-2024, it is located across the street from their previous location. The center has a board of directors. Brie Anne Pester became the Director on 10-27-2023. Brie Anne was previously the on-site supervisor. Abby Graham is the on-site supervisor. I met with the director, Brie Anne during my off year licensing visit.

94 children are enrolled in the center.

Observation of rooms:
I met with board member Stacy Kutzli on 8-14-2024 and toured the new building. An administrative change was completed for the new address and increase in capacity. The new building looks amazing and everyone is very excited about the new center. The new center opened on 8-19-2024. There are seven program rooms - the building also has a very large reception area, laundry room, break room, excellent kitchen facilities, separated playground areas etc.
I made my off year licensing visit on 9-17-2024. All program rooms were observed, the children were eating lunch and taking a nap. The school age children were in school at the time of my visit. The program rooms have a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The daily sheets looked good. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Staff in each room are responsible for developing their lesson plans/activities. The curriculum is Handwriting Without Tears.
Please move the plastic bags in the three year old room so they aren't accessible to the children, they are considered a health and safety hazard. Make sure you don't have plastic bags accessible to children anywhere in the center.
The center uses the Procare child care app.
Brie Anne is working hard to grow the enrollment. A community open house is scheduled for 9-27-2024.

Nutrition:
The center provides breakfast and snacks, lunch is delivered by Treat America/Company Kitchen each day. Menus are posted. The center participates in the federal food program.
Proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:
Bleach/water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting.
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing will be needed during your first year in the new building refer to your handbook for future radon testing requirements as the rules have been updated.
The building has all electric appliances.
The center follows medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication.
The center will need to update their emergency procedures and emergency preparedness plans. Brie Anne said she will meet with Child Care Resource and Referral for assistance with the new emergency plans for the building.

Brie Anne reported that the child care nurse consultant, Heather Marsh is making a visit on 9-25-2024 - please review the bleach product you are using for
sanitizing/disinfecting including mixing instructions with her. I discussed with Brie Anne other approved products that are being used in child care centers that don't require mixing and have shorter dwell times - you can discuss other product options with the child care nurse consultant also.

Playground:
The playground opened on 9-15-2025 as the fence was installed. There are playground areas for different age groups of children. The older children have a large piece of equipment, another area has a piece of equipment - these areas have woodchips for surfacing. The area for the smaller children has a small slide and teeter totter - these pieces of equipment with require age appropriate surfacing, if you can't get age appropriate surfacing at this time please remove the small slide and teeter totter. Surfacing is required for equipment that is 18 inches and higher. Shade is provided in the infant playground area. The center will begin completing monthly playground safety inspections.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services. The school bus provides transportation services from Good Shepherd Christian Preschool for preschool age children.

Administrative records:
Child files were read - one child's registration forms needed updated. The registration process is being completed this month. Please make sure all child files have current registration information.
Staff files were read - one staff JM needed a national record check/finger printing.
Monthly staff meetings are held.
The center is applying for IQ4K.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Brie Anne and the staff are very excited and proud of the new center. Brie Anne is very organized and was helpful during my licensing visit.
The center is a wonderful resource for the community.
The center has a very supportive board.
The center has had fundraising events.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
The center is applying for the IQ4K program.
The center applies for grants for equipment, supplies etc.

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

109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
JM needed a national record check/finger printing.

Facility Requirements
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.
Please move the plastic bags in the three year old room so they aren't accessible to the children, they are considered a health and safety hazard. Make sure you don't have plastic bags accessible to children anywhere in the center.

Please make the corrections to the noncompliance items immediately.
The playground area for the smaller children has a small slide and teeter totter - these pieces of equipment with require age appropriate surfacing, if you can't get age appropriate surfacing at this time please remove the small slide and teeter totter. Surfacing is required for equipment that is 18 inches and higher.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 10-1-2023 to 10-1-2025.
Off year visit 9-17-2024.

Administrative change - effective 8-19-2024 Change of address - 711 Prospect St., Stanton, Iowa 51573 and increase in

capacity to 150.

*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.