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

Name of Center: Skip-A-Long Childhood Center **Enrollment:** 98 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19680

Street: 3520 Crow Creek RD **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52807 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 3800 AVE of the Cities STE 108, Moline , IL, 61265

Director's Name: Jill Lyon **Phone Number:** 563-441-9998

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** JillL@skip-a-long.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-10-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 07-30-2024

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 X 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*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	44	18	94		156
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2025 to 12-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-28-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 4/10/25. The center director, Jill Lyon, and other staff were present. Jill has a B.S. degree in elementary education and has worked at this center as an assistant to the director for 10 years prior to becoming the director. Jill has the Aim 4 Excellence director credential. The center is one of three non-profit centers with the same name. The other two locations are in Illinois. The center operation is governed by a voluntary board of directors. Marcy Mendenhall is the CEO of the organization, Skip-A-Long Family and Community Services. The organization owns the building. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

Program rooms include the following: ducklings (approximately eight to 18 months, divided into two rooms), bunnies (18 months to two years, divided into two rooms, back room currently not in use), tadpoles (two to three years), grasshoppers (younger threes sometimes twos), lightning bugs (three to four years), dragonflies (four to five years, voluntary preschool room), hummingbirds (four to five years, voluntary preschool room, currently not in use), and turtles (six weeks to approximately 12 months). The program rooms are sufficiently furnished with materials to support program needs. Learning/activity centers/materials included: books, science, music, puzzles, blocks, toys, dramatic play, arts/crafts, sensory table, and writing. Program rooms included adjacent restroom areas, some shared between rooms, as well as sink(s) located within the program rooms used for hand washing. Infant/toddler/some two year old rooms included diapering stations within the program rooms. The center uses the large hallway area for indoor large motor play at times when outside play is not possible. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Lunch is catered from the local licensed catering business. The center prepares breakfast and snacks for the children on-site. The center participates in CACFP. The center does have a separate kitchen and pantry area. These areas are organized. The cook is Servsafe certified.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is very well managed. The center director now has many years of experience and as director at this center. The center has achieved level four IQ4K and is accredited through the National Accreditation Commission. The staff and administration continue to work well together. Many of the staff have been with the center for a number of years. Program rooms offer plenty of space for the children. Program rooms are bright with windows and decorated with the children's projects as was the hallway area. Plenty of materials are accessible to support program needs. The infant rooms at this center appear to be particularly clean and organized, and these staff were again observed to be quite nurturing to the children. The staff were observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities in all program rooms. The center director reports that four staff completed their CDA in 2024 and four more are working on obtaining their CDA, and the center also participates in the WAGES program. The center director reports that the center received a very favorable review from the CACFP recently as well. The center director reports in 2025 the center was awarded the IAAEYC Week of the Young Child grant for additional supplies. Required licensing documentation for the DHS Licensing Notebook binder and staff and child files were once again found to be highly organized.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance.

1. Ensure food/bottle prep sinks are not used for hand washing activities (kitchenette area bunnies and ducklings).

The center will continue with a full license. Please correct the item(s) cited and address the concerns noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response.

*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.