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

Name of Center: Unity Point Childcare **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51929

Street: 2720 Stone Park Blvd **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51104 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2720 Stone Park BLVD, Sioux City, IA, 51104

Director's Name: Shannon Finch **Phone Number:** 712-279-3579

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** Shannon.Finch@unitypoint.org

Date(s) of Visit: 06-24-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-25-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-29-2024

Comments :

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 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	23	13	19		55
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 06-25-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I completed an unannounced visit on 06/24/25 where I was able to meet Director Shannon Finch. Shannon has a two-year degree in Early Childhood and 12 years working in childcare centers. She also has her National Administrator Certificate. This center located in the hospital and is specifically used for employees of Unity Point. This allows parents to drop in a see their child during the day. They also have a room for nursing mothers which is utilized a great deal. The program provides childcare from 6 weeks to age 5. The hours of the center are 6:30am to 7:30pm Monday thru Friday. This program is primarily used for children of Unity Point Hospital Staff.
There are 45 children enrolled in the program and at the time for my visit there were 33 children. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.
Maintenance is completed by the hospital staff. The program is clean and well cared for. Each room has a good arrangement of furniture. There is a nice flow for kids to transition from different play areas and centers. There are multiple visual aids to interest the children in their care. Toys are well cared for and cleaned daily. The center uses a creative curriculum and there are multiple examples of artwork completed by the children. I observed good interaction between staff and children.
The sinks are in the classrooms to facilitate hand washing. I observed mealtimes and children washed their hands before the meal. The tables were also sanitized prior to eating. Staff sit with the children and eat family style. I also observed meal prep. The hospital makes the meals, and the center has a small kitchenette where meals are dispensed. Good sanitary practice was followed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted in an area visible to parents. Although the center follows the CACFP they are currently not on the food program. The program offers, breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as an afternoon snack.
The program uses the playground app to communicate with parents. I further observed the appropriate diaper changing steps.
The playground is a fenced area with playground equipment in good repair with rubber squares for surfacing. There is a grassy area for the children to run and play. The playground has nice shade. Monthly playground inspections were completed. Radon testing was also completed. The center is all electric, so yearly furnace inspection is not required.

First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. This center does not transport. Medication is stored properly.

The goal of the center remains to participate with the IQ4K program. I encouraged Shannon to reach out to their CCR&R consultant for assistance.
The center has a good core group of people who are committed to providing great care to the children who attend.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This daycare is located in the hospital and is used by hospital staff who can check on their children during the day. They also have a room for nursing mothers.

One of the strengths of this facility is their philosophy. Play is an important tool in learning. Play allows children to explore, experiment, and discover. Through hands-on activities like building blocks, role-playing, or outdoor games, children develop problem-solving skills, spatial awareness, and fine/gross motor skills.

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

109.9(2)c
All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.
For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.

1 - annual physical or health exam needs to be in file.

109.10(15)b
Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

Although center has done these drills there is no record in the physical file. This needs to be done.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended for the director to continue working with CCRR for support.

Staff training for all centers should be uploaded in i-PoWer.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.