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

Name of Center: ACPC-Meeker **Enrollment:** 35 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18055

Street: 300 20th St **City:** Ames Iowa **Zip** 50010 **County:** Story

Mailing Address: 920 Carroll Ave, Ames, IA, 50010

Director's Name: Interim Director **Phone Number:** 515-460-0700

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jessica Cooley **E-Mail:** director@acpc-childcare.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-03-2024

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:** 11-16-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-09-2024

Comments : Fire 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: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				100	100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 12-10-2024

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 completed 12-3-24. Staff members Hailey and Rylie were on site during the visit.

ACPC-Meeker site is one of seven sites providing child care for school age children in the Ames area. ACPC has a contract with the school district to provide school age care within the elementary school buildings. ACPC also has a main site that provides care for younger children. There is an interim director. Jessica Cooley is the school age program coordinator for the seven school age programs beginning 2024. Jessica has prior child care experience and meets the criteria of an assistant director.

This school site is used during the school year only. The school district changed the start time of school for the 2022/2023 school year and After school care is 3:30-6:00 pm. When school is out early, the program provides care, and during school breaks during the school year. They provide care for kindergarten through fifth grade.

The program meets in the school cafeteria. They also have use of the gym. There is a variety of activities available. Staff were in ratio and were responsive to the children, greeting them as they arrived. Snacks are offered by the program and are in line with CACFP guidelines. Medication is stored securely and accessible only to staff. First aid kits were available. Tornado/Fire plans were posted; drills completed monthly. This program has access to the school playground, which is maintained by the school. Playground checks were completed.

Information for mandatory reporter, handbook accessibility, consultant contact, license, fire/tornado exit plans and non-smoking signs posted. There were 10 child files and 3 employee files were reviewed and all required information was located. The program has well-established policy.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

ACPC has provided a consistent and quality program to school age children in the Ames Community for many years. The routines at all the school sites are the same, so staff can easily work at different sites and know the procedures and routines immediately.

ACPC works well with the schools and has a strong relationship with the school district.

ACPC is a PBIS trained program and many staff have been trained in PBIS.

ACPC uses the Pro Care app, which allows for real time communication.

The staff are dedicated and have built strong relationships with the children. The staff want to help and take initiative. The staff has strong communication with parents.

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

There were not aspects of operation identified that fall below the standards reviewed.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This program offers a variety of activities with staff that are engaged and nurturing with the children. The staff worked well together to set out the daily schedule for the program and preparing for the children to arrive from their classrooms.

*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.