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

Name of Center: Color My World Child Care & Preschool **Enrollment:** 139 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27928

Street: 2900 Easter Lake DR **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50320 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2900 Easter Lake DR, Des Moines, IA, 50320

Director's Name: Bobbie Gregory **Phone Number:** 515-256-7797

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amanda Crise **E-Mail:** cmw_bobbiestout@qwestoffice.net

Date(s) of Visit: 11-03-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-10-2020

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

Date Inspected: 08-22-2022

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 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	24	12	53	60	149
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-19-2023

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

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II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Color My World Child Care Center began operating in the fall of 1998. The program has provides daycare services to children ranging from infancy through school-age. This center is located within a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. Blake and Jane Boyer are the owners of the center. Bobbie Gregory is the director. Bobbie has been with this center since 2002. She has an Associates degree in Early Education. Amanda Crise is the on site supervisor. She has been employed at the daycare since 2011. Amanda Aberthany is the Operations Manager.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans were posted by most classroom doors. Handwashing posters and diaper changing posters are in place. The center has ten classrooms. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies. A lot of children's artwork is displayed in classrooms.

Bobbi was present and she assisted with today's visit. The infant classroom, Moonbeams, had eight infants present. Two staff were working today. The Sea Shells, the older infants, had four infants present. There was one staff working in this class. Sunshine Room (1's) had eight children present. There were two staff working in this classroom. The Seascape wasn't open today. The Rainbows (2's) had ten children present. Two staff were working in this class. The Wilderness Room (2/3's) were combined with the Explorers Room. The Explorers (3's) and Wilderness Room had seventeen children today. Three staff were working with this class today. The preschool class (3/4's) had ten children today. There was one staff working in this class. The PreK class, 4/5's, had twelve children. One staff was working in this classroom. The school age class wasn't in session at the time of today's visit.

The center has two playgrounds. Both playgrounds have grass turf for surfacing material. There is also concrete for riding toys. Fencing is in place. The center also uses the parking lot for taking walks for the young children. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center has a full kitchen. The center has a full time cook. Breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack is served. The center participates in CACFP. Menus are on a four week rotation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Bobbi has been employed at the center since 2002. This center is involved in the Women's Empowerment Program, through the United Way. The center benefits a great deal from this participating in the program, from a financial standpoint as well as support for staff. Staff from United Way and VNS visit the center to offer support and guidance. The center participates in QRS and has received a four star rating. The center has been able to do some remodeling with grants they received over the past year. New walls have been added in the large classrooms that have Kindergarten through Preschool age children. The center got new flooring, new light fixtures and shelving units in classrooms.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone (515)362-7823: email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us so that we can discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the HHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

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