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

Name of Center: Anita Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 17 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 13192

Street: 709 McIntyre DR **City:** Anita Iowa **Zip** 50020 **County:** Cass

Mailing Address: PO Box 117, Anita, IA, 50020

Director's Name: Katie Biehn **Phone Number:** 712-762-3232

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** anitachildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-11-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 08-15-2023

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	12	5	10	38	65
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-17-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit to Anita's Child Care Center on 4-11-2024. Anita's Child Care Center is located in the old Anita Elementary School building located at 709 McIntyre, Anita IA 50020. Katie Biehn became the director on February 19, 2024. There are 17 children enrolled in the center. Child care is offered to children six weeks of age to 12 years old. The hours of operation are 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. The center utilizes three program rooms and the gym.

Observation of Rooms:
The infant and toddler rooms were being used on the day of my visit. The rooms looked nice and had a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The rooms were in ratio, and they had lesson plans/activities.
The children were playing outside and eating lunch. Staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.

Nutrition:
Breakfast and lunch are provided by Treat America/Company Kitchen, the center prepares their snacks. Menus were posted, the center is on the federal food program.

Health and Safety:
The center follows medication management procedures when children are prescribed medications, and they use the medication log. Radon testing was done in December 2022, three tests were completed all with the test result of 0.3 pCi/L. Katie Biehn reported that the center doesn't have fuel burning appliances and they have forced heat. The center has properly stocked first aid kits. The center practices and documents monthly fire and tornado drills.
Bleach/water used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Make sure you are using the three bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Bleach/water for sanitizing and disinfecting. Three separate bottles are needed for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water must be mixed daily. Review the mixing directions on the specific bottle of bleach you are using, if the mixing instructions aren't on the bottle go to the specific product website for mixing instructions.

Playground:
The playground area is fenced and has a cement path for riding toys, a grassy area for playing and one piece of commercial playground equipment with slides. Pea gravel is used for surfacing. There are picnic tables and a tree provides shade. The center practices and documents monthly playground inspections.

Transportation:
The program does not provide transportation services.

Administrative Records:
Child files were read - a couple files needed emergency medical contact information for the dentist, the name and phone number for the dentist is required. Please review child files and make sure they have emergency medical contact information.
Staff files were read - I didn't see the national record check results - fingerprinting for a couple of staff - Katie, Makayla.

Please review all staff files and make sure they have the national record check results.
Katie will begin having staff meetings, she maintains daily contact with staff.
Katie has benn in contact with Child Care Resource and Referral for information.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Katie became the director on February 19, 2024. She is excited and and enthusiastic about the program. She is learning the licensing rules. The staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The child care center is an excellent resource for the community.
The center will apply for the IQ4K program. The center receives grants for equipment and supplies.
Katie is planning on opening another child care center in Massena Iowa in the near future.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Anita Child Care Center for 3-1-2024 to 3-1-2026.

Please review the directions for mixing the bleach/water for sanitizing and disinfecting to make sure you are using the correct amount of bleach to water. Follow the directions on the specific bottle of bleach you are using, if the mixing instructions aren't on the bottle go to the products website for mixing instructions.

*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.