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

Name of Center: Anne E. Nelson Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 52 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52203

Street: 620 N 8th ST **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51503 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 620 N 8th ST, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

Director's Name: Mandy Sanders **Phone Number:** 712-396-2354

On-Site Supervisor(s): Emily Sward, Tracy Frush **E-Mail:** msanders@cbcsd.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-25-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-16-2023

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 School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	16	12	32		60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 10-24-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Anne E. Nelson Early Learning Center is a new center that opened on 8-28-2023. This is a beautiful new building that has capacity for 60 children. The center is aligned to the Council Bluffs School district and operates on the school year calendar. Child care and preschool services are provided to children six weeks to five years old Monday through Friday, the preschool program has an early out on Mondays. A walk through visit was made to the center on 8-16-2023 and the center was given permission to open without a license effective 8-28-2023.
Mandy Sanders is the director.
52 children are enrolled.

Observation of rooms:
An unannounced licensing visit was made to Anne E. Nelson Early Learning Center on 9-25-2023. The center looks wonderful and all rooms have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate furnishings, and toys. There are five program rooms: Infant room, 1 & 2 year old room, 2 & 3 year old room, and two preschool rooms. The center has a small motor skill room for younger children and a large motor skill room for older children. The motor skill rooms have many fun features i.e. the large motor room has beautiful murals of trees and clouds on the walls, a slide, rock wall, stage area, tree in the middle of the room with a track around the tree for trikes, and large soft blocks. The building also houses preschool rooms under the Department of Education and the Kids & Company Early Learning Center.
The children were observed playing and during nap time and all rooms were in ratio. The daily sheets looked good. High Scope Curriculum is used and Teaching Strategies Gold lesson plans/activities are used. A weekly newsletter is emailed to the parents. Conferences are held with the parents and infant/toddler transition meetings, goals and developmental milestones are discussed.
There are car seat cubbies that are very convenient for parents.
Make sure the room arrangement allows for direct observation of all children at nap time.

Nutrition:
The meals are provided through the Council Bluffs Schools, there is a kitchen where some food prep is done. The center will apply for the federal food program. Make sure you follow the CACFP food program guidelines.
Menus were posted.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication.
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented.
The center is using Purell Surface for sanitizing and disinfecting. Please use three separate bottles for sanitizing and disinfecting 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.
Radon testing is required every two years in all program rooms and must be be under a 4.0 pCi/L, this should be monitored under the Iowa Department of Education.
The building is has all electric appliances. Maintenance issues are taken care of by the school maintenance staff.
The center has the required emergency policies and procedures.

Playground:
The center has a wonderful fenced playground, with padded surfacing. There is an infant/toddler area and an area for preschool age children. There are many fun features such as a climber piece of equipment, swings, a large pieces of equipment with slides, trikes/helmets, etc. Monthly playground safety inspections are documented.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Staff files were read and were in excellent order.
Child files were read and were in excellent order. Make sure you have the emergency medical contact information for the dentist - the name and phone number is required. Make sure there is a printed copy of each child's emergency contact information and emergency medical contact information.
Mandy has staff meetings on a regular basis and she maintains ongoing contact with staff. The staff meet education and training requirements through the Council Bluffs School district and the DHHS licensing.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Anne E. Nelson is a wonderful resource for the community. The staff are very excited and proud of the new center. Mandy has worked very hard completing all the Department of Health and Human Services licensing requirements. Mandy is very organized, enthusiastic and supportive to the staff.
The center will apply for IQ4K.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Anne E. Nelson Early Learning Center for 8-1-2023 to 8-1-2025.

*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.