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

Name of Center: Wee Care Center **Enrollment:** 85 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27726

Street: 821 Arthur AVE **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50316 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 821 Arthur AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50316

Director's Name: Ashley Zinnel **Phone Number:** 515-265-5250

On-Site Supervisor(s): Julie Elsberry, Jericca Townsel **E-Mail:** weecare@upbcdesmoines.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-12-2019

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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 **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 01-19-2016

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			68	80
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2018 to 01-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 07-17-2019

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Wee Care Center has been in operation since 1974. This center is owned and operated by Union Park Baptist Church. The center provides care for children ages infancy through eight years. The daycare has a separate entrance, which is secured. Ashley Zimmel is the director. Ashley has been the director since December 2017. She has experience at other child care centers prior to coming to Wee Care Center. There are two on site supervisors, Julie Elsberry and Jericca Townsel and both of them started in this role in January 208. Julie has been at this center since 2007. She has a BA in Early Childhood Education. Jericca has several years of experience working at a child care center prior to coming to this center.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's visit. Ashley was not at the daycare at the time of the visit. Julie Elsberry was present and she assisted with the visit. All of the classrooms were observed today. Classrooms were at or above ratio requirements. Children were observed playing in the classrooms. Some children were observed during nap time.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ashley is a new director but she has been working closely with CCR&R to move towards best practices in the classrooms. The church provides support to the center. The center participates in QRS and has earned a three star rating. There are video cameras in the classrooms.

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

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.
The 4/5 classroom did not have a current lesson plan.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing. Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room’s arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
There were some children resting on cots that did not have sheets on them. There were no sheets on any of the cots in the 3's classroom.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age:Infants

shall always be placed on their back for sleep.Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat.No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.No co-sleeping shall be allowed.Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.
There were four young children napping on cots in the infant room. The children's heads were covered with blankets. Staff said they remove the blankets after the children fall asleep. The children were sleeping. Staff said their heads were covered so it was darker for them. Infants are to be observed by sight and sound at all times and this cannot be done when their heads are covered by blankets. Staff removed the blankets and I said this practice could not continue.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-725-2635; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may 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.

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