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

Name of Center: Happy Time Child Care **Enrollment:** 55 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51991

Street: 401 Grandview AVE **City:** Muscatine Iowa **Zip** 52761 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: 401 Grandview AVE, Muscatine, IA, 52761

Director's Name: Holly Brockert **Phone Number:** 563-770-5201

On-Site Supervisor(s): Samantha Sivill & Tiffany Smith **E-Mail:** htpskids@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-04-2025

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** **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:** 08-29-2024

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

Date Inspected: 02-19-2025

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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	20	20	20	26	86
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:		
	FULL license from	
X	**PROVISIONAL** license from	03-19-2025 to 03-01-2026
	DENIAL of initial application	
	SUSPENSION of license	
	REVOCATION of license	

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 03-19-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Happy Time Child Care-51991 for an annual visit on 3/4/2025 with Toni Krana the local nurse consultant. The fire inspection was completed on 2/19/2025. The center is for profit and owned by Holly Brockert. The center is in a commercial building (three classrooms, an office, and a kitchen) and in a modular building (three classrooms and a kitchenette).

The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 5:00am to 6:00pm. The center provides care for infant-school aged children . The center's current enrollment is 55 children.

The director is Holly Brockert. She started in 2019.

The on-site supervisors are Samantha Sivill & Tiffany Smith. Samantha started in 2020. Tiffany started in 2022. Tiffany has her associate's degree in early childhood education.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. This worker observed staff completing a diaper change, rocking an infant to sleep, serving lunch, doing art projects with the children and providing redirection when necessary. This worker observed the children having access to a wide variety of engaging and educational activities except in the DragonFly Room.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits. Safe sleep practices were observed during the visit.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program The center offers breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook included emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, and HVAC testing.

The center does communicate with parents via: Brightwheel, Facebook (Public), in person conversations, phone calls and text messages.

The center's curriculum is teacher created. The center offers field trips to the Discovery Center, parks, and the Art Center. Mad Hatter Pottery Lady, the I-Smile, and Discovery Center visit the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center partners with the following agencies: Child and Adult Care Food Program: https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/trainers-tool, Early Childhood Iowa: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-

services/eci, Iowa Area Education Agencies: https://iowaaea.org/, 1st Five: https://www.findhelp.org/muscatine-public-health--muscatine-ia--1st-five/4581104809148416?postal=52761, Iowa Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci, and Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
-The center purchased two new furnaces and an industrial dishwasher.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The child files, staff files and licensing notebook were in full compliance.
-The center has security cameras in all classrooms and outside.
-The director has staff meetings to ensure that staff understand rules and regulations.
-The director has in person staff meetings and also communicates regularly with Brightwheel and text messaging.
-The director has had the staff take additional training hours including: Physical Activity Learning Session (PALS), Active Supervision, Caring for Children with Allergies, Anaphylaxis, and Seizures, Period of PURPLE Crying: Early Care & Education Settings, Review of Center Rules and Regulations, Safe Sleep and Handling Stress and Building Resilience. They do an all staff training quarterly.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-The cleaning supply closet was unlocked upon my arrival.
-Flooring throughout the center was peeling and cracking.

109.12(4): 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.
-Staff in the Dragonfly Room do not have a sufficient amount of toys or books accessible. These materials are available to the staff; however staff chose not to allow the children access.

109.15(2): Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
-The center was serving frozen raspberries. This is a choking hazard for children.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center signed the plan of action and is following through with the expectations established by HHS.

The center was placed on a provisional license as a result of Child Care Assistance program noncompliance and not a result of child care services being delivered at the center. The center will post their provisional license.

As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year. This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center's CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/ Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings.

Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center's CCNC consultant visit: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programsand-services/child-care/hcci

Please do not hesitate to contact the licensing consultant, Heidi Brown, if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 515-631-8846 or heidi.brown@hhs.iowa.gov

*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.