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

Name of Center: Anita Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 19 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 13192

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

Mailing Address: 709 McIntyre Drive, Anita, IA, 50020

Director's Name: Suzanne (Suzy) Lyons **Phone Number:** 712-762-3232

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

Date(s) of Visit: 06-12-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** X **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: 06-03-2020

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 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 06-26-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit to Anita's Child Care Center on 6-12-2023. Anita's Child Care Center is located in the Anita Elementary School located at 709 McIntyre, Anita IA 50020. Suzanne (Suzy) Lyons became the director in March 2023, she has many years of child care experience. Suzy was on vacation on the day of my visit. There are 19 children enrolled in the center. Child care is offered to children six weeks of age to 12 years old. The hours of operation are 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. The center utilizes three program rooms and the gym.

Observation of Rooms:
The older child room was the only room being used on the day of my licensing visit. There were five children and two staff present, the children were taking a nap.
The rooms looked nice and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment.
Lesson plans/activities were needed. Please develop lesson plans/activities.
Staff were attentive to the needs of the children.

Nutrition:
During the school year the school provides breakfast, and lunch and the center provides the snack year round. During the summer Treat America/Company Kitchen provides the lunch. 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 April 2022, three tests were completed all with the test result of 0.3 pCi/L. If your center has fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection. The school told the child care they are exempt from getting an annual fuel burning inspection. Please let me know how the school is exempt from an annual fuel burning inspection. The center has a carbon monoxide detector. The center has properly stocked first aid kits. The center practices and documents monthly fire and tornado drills - the monthly drill for May was missing. 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. Suzy please follow the directions for mixing the bleach/water for sanitizing and disinfecting to make sure you are using the correct amount of bleach to water. Review 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.

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 - the monthly inspection for May was missing.

Transportation:
The program does not provide transportation services.

Administrative Records:
The center has the required postings. Staff meeting are held on a regular basis and Suzy maintains daily contact with staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Suzy became the director in March 2023. She is learning the DHS rules. She is enthusiastic about the center. The staff were attentive to the needs of the children.
The child care center is an excellent resource for the community.
The center would like to participate in the IQ4K program. The center receives grants for equipment and supplies.
A monthly newsletter and menu is provided to the parents.

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.
Lesson plans/activities were needed. Please develop lesson plans/activities.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Anita Child Care Center for 3-1-2022 to 3-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 6-12-2023.

Administrative change - Suzanne (Suzy) Lyons became the director in March 2023.

Suzy 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.