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

Name of Center: Grandma's House Daycare **Enrollment:** 107 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 3057

Street: 1335 E Washington ST **City:** Clarinda Iowa **Zip** 51632 **County:** Page

Mailing Address: 1335 E Washington ST, Clarinda, IA, 51632

Director's Name: Morgan Sams **Phone Number:** 712-542-5502

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kayla Bounds **E-Mail:** Morgan.Sams@ghdc-clarinda.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-24-2024

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

Date Inspected: 09-21-2021

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 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	19	32	38	28	117
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 08-08-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Grandma's House Daycare on 7-24-2024. The center is a white building located in the Clarinda Early Childhood Center. The center opened on 2-14-2005. The center is a nonprofit organization and is owned by the board. Morgan Sams became the director at the end of 2023, she previously worked at the center from 2018 to 2020. Kayla bounds became the on-site supervisor in October 2023.
Child care services are offered to children six weeks to preschool age 5:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.
107 children are enrolled.
I met with Morgan during my visit.

Observation of rooms:
All program rooms were in ratio. The rooms looked nice and had a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Grandma's House School Age Program opened at the Clarinda Elementary School on 2-24-2021.
Most of the children were observed during nap time. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children. The children's fun art work was displayed.
The daily sheets looked good, they are on the Brightwheel app. The infant room had several containers i.e. bouncy seats, exersaucers, swing etc. I am recommending that you remove some of these pieces of equipment - minimal to no use of this equipment is recommended. The one year old room was a little too dark during nap time - please make sure all rooms are light enough to see the children's faces and see their chest rise to see that they are breathing.
You shouldn't take donations of old equipment as you don't know if these items have been recalled, broken etc. Some plastic bags were accessible to the children, please move these out of the reach of the children as this is a health and safety hazard.
Please remove storage of blankets and extra clothes from the bathroom in the four year old room, this is unsanitary.
All rooms had lesson plans/activities. The center uses Creative Curriculum.
Walking field trips are taken to the library, the fair etc.
Grants have been received for new flooring in the three year old room.

Nutrition:
The center is on the federal food program. There is a cook on site that prepares breakfast, lunch and snack. The center utilizes the food bank. Menus were posted.

Health and safety:
The center follows the medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication. The first aid kits were properly stocked. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Please refer to your handbook for radon testing information and retesting requirements. Six radon tests were done in June 2021, all test scores were under a 4.0 pCi/L. The building has electric appliances.
Staff are responsible for cleaning their rooms. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water is used for sanitizing toys.

Playground:
The playground area is fenced. There is one large piece of equipment for children two years and older. The surfacing is

padded tiles. There is a cement area for riding toys. The center has new fencing on the playground area around the rock. Monthly playground safety inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services. Walking field trips are taken to the park, library, recycling center, livestock auction, Lied Center, and car museum.

Administrative records:
Staff files were read - some files need a physical on the required staff physical form, one needed a criminal record check, one needed a national record check, one needed a evaluation regarding their record check, and one needed an employee statement.
The center is doing the fingerprinting.
Child files were read and were in excellent order.
Make sure you know the emergency policies and procedures and train all staff on them.
Staff meetings are held monthly.
The center participates in IQ4K level 1.
Some staff participate in the WAGES program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Morgan Sams became the director at the end of 2023, she is very positive and enthusiastic about being the director and the center. She is working very hard to learn the DHHS licensing rules.
The center is an excellent resource for the community.
The center receives grants for equipment and supplies, they have new flooring in some program rooms, new fencing in the playground area around the rock. Fundraising events are held throughout the year.
The center has an active board. They have incentives for the employees to complete training etc.
The center participates in IQ4K level 1.
Grandma's House School Age Program opened at the Clarinda Elementary School on 2-24-2021.

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

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Staff files were read - one needed a criminal record check, one needed a national record check, one needed a evaluation regarding their record check, and one needed an employee statement.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
A couple staff need a current physical on the required DHHS staff physical form.

Please send me an email by 8-23-2024 and let me know how the items listed above have been corrected.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 2-1-2023 to 2-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 7-24-2024.

Please send me an email by 8-23-2024 and let me know how the noncompliance items listed above have been corrected.

*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.