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

Name of Center: Mary Elizabeth Child Care & Preschool **Enrollment:** 26 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30099

Street: 814 Court St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51105 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 814 Court St, Sioux City, IA, 51105

Director's Name: Jane Heider **Phone Number:** 712-258-1605

On-Site Supervisor(s): Heidi Kramer **E-Mail:** meccp814@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-07-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-24-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-20-2024

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: 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			41	43	84
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 08-08-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 08-07-24 and visited with Jane Heider, Director. Ms Heider has a 4 year degree, is a Para educator and has 46 years of experience in childcare. Also visited with onsite supervisor Heidi Kramer. Mary Elizabeth Daycare was the first daycare center built in the area and has been in operation since 1914. The physical facility appears to be well maintained. The center has 5 rooms - a dining area/school age, preschool room on the second floor, 2 year olds, large motor room and a room for three year olds. The center operates Monday through Friday 6:00am to 5:45pm. The center serves children ages 2 years to school age.

There are 26 children enrolled in the program, however, at the time of the visit there were 18 children present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. The center is struggling with obtaining staffing and enrollment. The center collaborates with other programs who are also experincing the same issues. The center is starting to use the playground childcare application and is in the process of updating children/staff's files.

The center has the following areas throughout the rooms for the children to explore and learn: toys, books, legos and house. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for this rooms. Children have access to a bathroom and sink. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Child size furniture throughout the rooms.

The center purchases lunches from the Sioux City Community School. The center has been cooking breakfast/snacks. They are on the food program. In the summer they receive free lunches at Irving School for the months of June and July.

The playground has rubber mulch for surfacing around the equipment. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

The center does not transport. The program will walk over to Irving School and bring any school agers to school. They also walk to Irving Headstart to get any children as both locations are within a block of the center. The center has not done any field trips this summer due to lack of staffing. They usually utilize the bussing system to go to parks and the YMCA to swim.

The center's goals are to increase enrollement and staff. The director would also like to get on level 3 as they currently are on a level 2 for the IQ4K program. Also, to find a preschool teacher and become apart of the preschool initiative program again.

Strengths of the center is that the center has a good community support and staff that work well as a team. Staff work well with the families that they serve as well as they step up and help each other. The center uses a company that comes and does the laundering of the children's cot sheets and blankets weekly.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a locked security front door whereby parents need a pass code or staff let them into the center.

The center sends home a quarterly newsletter for the parents.

The center has a IQ4K rating of 2 stars.

Staff interact with the children in a positive manner.

Center has new board members.

Center is starting to use new software - Playground from Procare to help with administrative duties.

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

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 5

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 4
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: Information was outdated or missing

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide consultant with an email confirming that those items that fall blow standards have been completed by 09-05-24

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.