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

Name of Center: Grandma's House School Age Program **Enrollment:** 17 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51351

Street: 910 S. 15th 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): Catyn Chamberlain **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: 08-09-2024

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.) 2 Years 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				22	22
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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:** 09-09-2024

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 School Age Program on 7-24-2024. The center is located in the Garfield Elementary School, the program opened on 2-24-2022. Morgan Sams became the director at the end of 2023, she is also the director of Grandma's House Daycare in Clarinda. Catyn Chamberlain became the on-site supervisor in October 2023. Before and after school care is provided and full day care on in service days and during the summer. There are 17 children enrolled. I met with Catyn and Morgan during my visit.

Observation of room:
One classroom is used for the program, the gym and the playground are also utilized. There are two restrooms in the room with one toilet and one sink in each restroom. There are additional restrooms located in the hallway. Ten children and three staff were present during my visit. The children were having fun playing, the themed lesson plan/activities for this week were carnival and they do lot of crafts. Staff were positive and having fun with the children. The center has a great variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment that is rotated frequently.
The program walks to the library for their activities.
The Brightwheel child care app is used, the center sends the families a monthly newsletter.

Nutrition:
Please refrigerate children's lunches and other perishable food items brought from home. During the summer the program participates in the free breakfast and lunch program. Please post menus. Make sure you follow the CACFP food guidelines even if you aren't on the federal food program.
The center has a refrigerator.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills were practiced and documented.
Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for radon testing. DHHS licensing no longer needs to review radon testing. The last radon testing was completed in January 2023 with a radon test result of 0.9 pCi/L. Radon test scores must be under a 4.0 pCi/L.
If your center has fuel burning appliances you will need to get the annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection from the school.
Oxivir Tb is used for sanitizing. The school janitor cleans the room at the end of each day.
Medication management procedures weren't followed for a child who is prescribed medication. The center didn't have the medication log. Please begin using the medication log immediately. Please review the medication management rules immediately and train your staff.

Playground:
The school playground is used. Monthly playground inspections are done.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Child files were read and were incomplete - files need emergency contact information (name and phone number) for the doctor and dentist, the annual statement of health is needed for school age children. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information.
Staff files are maintained at Grandma's House Day Care, they were read on 7-24-2024 and were incomplete - files were missing employee statements, record checks and physicals. Please review all staff files and have them corrected with them updated with the required DHHS information immediately.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Grandma's House School Age Program is a wonderful resource for the community.
They would like to apply for the IQ4K program.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
The Brightwheel child care app is used.

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

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.
Child files were read - emergency contact information (name and phone number) for the doctor and dentist is required. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information.

109.10(3)b: For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.
Medication management procedures weren't followed for a child who is prescribed medication. The center didn't have the medication log. Please begin using the medication log immediately. Please review the medication management rules immediately and train your staff.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking. During the summer the program participates in the free breakfast and lunch program. Please post menus. Make sure you follow the CACFP food guidelines even if you aren't on the federal food program.

109.15(4)c: Perishable foods brought from home are maintained to avoid contamination or spoilage.
Please refrigerate children's lunches and other perishable food items brought from home.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

*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.