

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

Name of Center: I Think I Can Child Care BASP **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30987

Street: 901 N Elm **City:** Creston **Iowa Zip** 50801 **County:** Union

Mailing Address: 705 S Cherry, Creston, IA, 50801

Director's Name: Kasey Nernes **Phone Number:** 641-202-0007

On-Site Supervisor(s): Megan Hoag **E-Mail:** ithinkican@iowatelecom.net

Date(s) of Visit: 05-02-2017

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 07-24-2015

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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				50	50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-01-2017 to 08-01-2019
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 06-14-2017

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 I Think I Can Before and After School Program on 5-2-2017. I Think I Can Before and After School program is located on the main level in the Creston Early Childhood Center. The program also uses the music room, the school gym and the school playground. The building also houses preschool, kindergarten and Head Start programs. This is a year round program that offers services to school age children. The hours of operation are during the school year 5:30 am to 8:30 am and after school until 6:00 pm, in service days and during the summer 5:30 am to 6:00 pm. There are forty five children enrolled in the program.

Kasey Nernes is the director, she has been at the center since 2-8-2017. Megan Hoag is the on-site supervisor of the program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kasey Nernes is the new director, she began working at the center on 2-8-2017.

Megan Hoag is the on-site supervisor. Kasey and Megan have put together a fun program for the summer.

The center averages 25 to 38 children a day. During the summer they spend a lot of time outside. The also have field trips.

Staff had excellent interactions with the children as they were playing outside.

Equipment in the center is rotated on a frequent basis.

The children's files looked good.

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

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year. I couldn't locate the monthly fire and tornado drills.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

The TV needs secured as it could tip over and is a health and safety hazard. You can also think about removing the TV from the program area.

Please place a thermometer in the refrigerator/freezer.

I couldn't locate the monthly playground inspection.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted. Please send me an email with the current test date and test score.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034. Please send me an email and let me know when the current fuel burning inspection was done (boiler inspection).

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2017 to 8-1-2019.

*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.