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

Name of Center: Central Cares Inc **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24253

Street: 501 6th St **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 501 6th St, Coralville, IA, 52241

Director's Name: Tammy Osterhaus **Phone Number:** 319-530-6287

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sara Nehring, Brianne Arnold, & Anna Kaltas **E-Mail:** ccbasp@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-28-2023

Licensing Visit X **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:** 05-19-2022

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

Date Inspected: 04-14-2022

Comments : Does Comply

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				135	135
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2022 to 06-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 07-10-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Central Cares on 6/28/2023. The center provides childcare for school aged children. The center is open from 7:00am to 5:30pm. The center has 38 children enrolled. The center is located inside of Coralville Central Elementary. The center is nonprofit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 4/14/2022.

The director is Tammy Osterhaus. Tammy started with Central Cares in 1995. Tammy has a Bachelor's Degree in Therapeutic Recreation with an emphasis in People with Disabilities.

The assistant director is Sara Nehring. Sara has a Paraeducator Degree. She started in 8/2016.

The on-site supervisors are Brianne Arnold and Anna Kaltas. Brianne has a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. She started in 1/2016. Anna has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She started in 10/2016.

This worker observed all classrooms. The center uses the multipurpose room, gymnasium, office, and kitchen. The center's curriculum is teacher created.

Nutritional practices were checked. During the school year the school provides breakfast and afternoon snack on provided by the center. During the summer the center provides morning and afternoon snack. Parents provide lunch. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed.

The center does offer field trips for school age children. They have gone to: swimming pool, Hansen's Dairy Farms Wickiup Hill Learning Center, bowling, Lost Island, movie theater, etc.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The children have a wide variety of fun and educational activities to choose from.
-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining staff.
-The director and staff allow the children the opportunities to make choices and provide guidance when needed with social skills especially with developing peer relationships/coping skills.
-The center has quiet time during the summer where they can read, draw/color or play solitaire card games.
-The center did mail a hug project where they traced hands and wrote letters to their loved ones.
-The center uses ProCare for open communication.
-The center is doing an optional walkathon throughout the center.
-The center also purchased new game carts and a Polaroid Printer.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iow a4cs.com/

*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.