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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Bryant

Provider No.: 30756

Address: 3040 Jones St, Sioux City, IA, 51104

County: Woodbury

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews

On-Site Supervisor: Jenny Ohrazda

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HHS Visit Date: 12/12/2025

Licensing Period: 01/01/2026 to 01/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/11/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		8.00 AM to 5.00 PM	
Tuesday		8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Wednesday		8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Thursday		8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Friday		8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			40	190	230
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit at this program on 12/12/25. I was able to speak with BTB employee Jalissa Oetken as well as lead teacher at the site Adrane Wilson. Ms. Wilson has many years of experience working with children this age. Ms. Ohrazda serves as the onsite coordinator for this Beyond the Bell program, in addition to overseeing several other school-based programs within the initiative. She brings several years of experience working with children, which contributes to the program's overall quality and effectiveness. This particular program is housed at Bryant Elementary School and utilizes two classrooms as well as the school gymnasium to support program. The Beyond the Bell program operates Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The program serves children from preschool through 5th grade. To ensure safety and controlled access, a buzzer system is installed outside the building for entry into both the school and the Beyond the Bell program.

There are currently 72 children enrolled in this program and 39 present at the time of my visit.

All areas of the program were observed including classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The center-based approach encourages exploration, creativity, and social interaction among children. Staff members actively engage with students during activities, fostering positive relationships and supporting skill development. The variety of materials and activities offered allows children to make choices based on their interests, promoting independence and confidence.

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The program environment is welcoming and well-organized, with clearly defined areas for play, learning, and quiet time. Staff maintain a consistent routine that helps children feel secure and understand expectations. Transitions between activities are managed smoothly, contributing to a calm and structured atmosphere. In addition to academic support, the program emphasizes social-emotional learning through cooperative play and group discussions. Staff model respectful communication and encourage problem-solving among peers.

Snacks and breakfast are provided through the Sioux City Community School District, ensuring children receive nutritious meals during program hours. The program adheres to the nutritional standards outlined by the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Medication is securely stored in a locked box or placed out of reach of children, in accordance with safety protocols. An adequately stocked first aid kit is available on-site to address minor injuries. Monthly documentation confirms that fire and tornado drills are conducted regularly, and playground inspections are completed to ensure equipment safety. The program environment appears well-maintained, clean, and free from observable health or safety hazards, supporting a safe and welcoming space for children.

The program provides daily opportunities for physical activity, utilizing either the school gymnasium or the outdoor playground. The playground is equipped with climbing structures and slides and features a rubberized surface to help cushion falls and enhance safety. For off-site experiences, the program arranges field trips using school district transportation.

It is recommended to update the DHS Licensing Binder to contain all necessary information.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The program’s ongoing goals include increasing enrollment and retaining qualified, dedicated staff. Efforts are focused on maintaining a positive work environment, supporting professional development, and promoting the program’s value to families in the community.

Staff were actively engaged with children throughout the program day, participating in activities, offering guidance, and fostering positive interactions. Their involvement supports a nurturing environment where children feel valued and supported in their learning and play.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

It is requested that director correct the areas that fall below standards by 01/31/26 and email consultant of when it has been completed.

A full license is recommended at this time.

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

Date: 12/15/2025

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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