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

Name of Center: Story Time Preschool & Child Care **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30118

Street: 2016 S Cecelia ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2016 S Cecelia ST, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Kim Storey-Geisler **Phone Number:** 712-276-1114

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melanie Geisler **E-Mail:** storytimepreschool@hotmail.com mgeisler95@gmail

Date(s) of Visit: 03-08-2023

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:** 01-25-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-29-2022

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X 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	16	46		12	74
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2022 to 04-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 03-09-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Story Time on 3-08-23 and spoke with Kim Storey, director and new onsite supervisor Melanie Geisler. Ms. Storey has a four year early education degree and several years of experience working with children. Melanie has her degree in phycology and is working towards early childhood degree. Story Time Preschool is housed in a large building that had previously been a church. The center has two levels. The upstairs has a two year old room, three year old and 4 year old preschool room/school age room for children. The downstairs has an infant room, a play area and a dining area. The program operates Monday through Friday 6:30am to 5:30pm. They currently are not doing preschool at this site due to low numbers. The program serves infants to school age children.

There are 48 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 32 children present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use, however, if see children put toys in their mouths then should put the toy in a yuk bucket to have it cleaned prior to being available for another child to play with.

The infant room has a variety of toys, books and equipment in the infant room. Sufficient number of toys and equipment for the number of infants that the room can accommodate. The infants are provided with good stimulation and nurturance throughout the day. Staff had good interactions with the infants and attended to their needs throughout the day. Room is arranged to provide a safe environment for infants. Toys are accessible to the children. Children have access to a changing table in the room. Observed staff talking to the children throughout the day, feeding the children, holding the children, and playing with the children. An infant had been laying on their stomach and when speaking with staff they stated parent had said child had some reflux and to lay on their stomach. Staff had verbal permission for infant to lay on their stomach. Center should have a doctor's note for alternative sleeping for infant for safe sleep practices. It was recommended for the center to contact their nurse consultant for assistance. Information was sent to Melaine Geisler to help support her in her new role.

The two year old room has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: Blocks, toys, balls, hula hoops, stuffed animals, legos and books. During this visit observed the children watching playing. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, numbers, shapes and the alphabet.

The three year old room had sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were the colors and numbers. There were pushpins in some of the rooms and when pointed out director started to remove them. Pushpins should be removed for safety.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Meals and snacks are prepared in a kitchen area that is separated from the program area. Refrigerators are clean, however, a

thermometer was broke and another was missing. When brought to directors attention she was going to go get them replaced to assure the appropriate temperature. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted. The center participates in the CACFP program.

Center Health & Safety
Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon tests are complete. Annual heating inspection has been completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Center continues in updating and is going to put in all new LED lighting and will be painting inside and outside of the building. Children that slept on mats need to have a cover on the mats for children to sleep on.

Center Playground
There are two fenced-in playground areas, one for the older children and one for the younger children. Monthly playground inspection completed. Shade is available on the playground. The playgrounds have a playhouse, climbing equipment and slides. Shredded rubber is around all the play equipment. Surfacing needed to be racked and evened out in both playgrounds. There were some tarp exposed under the surfacing which needed to be covered and more surfacing added. Also both playgrounds needed cleaned up prior to children going out to play. Director stated she was in the process of cleaning up playground weather permitting.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center has one van for transporting the children to/from school and for field trips. Van maintenance records needed to be updated. Parent permission forms are completed for children who leave the center for field trips.

Center Administrative Records
All the required postings were visible. The center's discipline practices consist of talking to the children and time out.

Goals for the center to get more staff, as well as to get the center organized and decluttered. Continue in updating the centers and playground. Also to get on the IQ4K program.

Strengths of the center are they center has a good core group of staff. Staff has a good relationship with the children and families that they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has a QRS rating of four stars.

Center (preschool & three year olds) has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Part of the preschool initiative

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

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

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
Number not in compliance: 3

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: 3

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: 4

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 dental: 4

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 3

109.10(12)d: Vehicles that are owned or leased by the center shall receive regular maintenance and inspection according to manufacturer-recommended guidelines for vehicle and tire maintenance and inspection.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room's arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
Additional concerns: Mats need to be covered for children to sleep on. Push pins should be removed in all child occupied areas for safety. Thermometers in refrigerator to ensure proper temperature.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age:Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat.No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.No co-sleeping shall be allowed.Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The program is updating their files due to change in staffing.

Please email consultant when all aspects below standards are completed by 04-21-23.

It is encouraged for the new onsite supervisor/director to work with CCRR with curriculum, room arrangements, files, and trainings.

A full license will remain in effect 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.