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

Name of Center: Waverly Child Care & Preschool **Enrollment:** 160 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18382

Street: 1600 W Bremer Ave **City:** Waverly Iowa **Zip** 50677 **County:** Bremer

Mailing Address: PO Box 34, Waverly, IA, 50677

Director's Name: Heather Wagner **Phone Number:** 319-352-4664

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kristin Kuiper **E-Mail:** wccp1970@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit:

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** X **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: 02-02-2023

Comments : Fire inspection of new addition.

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: 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	45	22	45	55	167
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2021 to 07-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 02-03-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 05/19/22 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Waverly Child Care and Preschool. I met with Heather Wagner, the interim director. She started this position in December 2021. Ms. Wagner has an AAS in child development and has been employed with the program for fourteen years. Kristin Kuiper is the on-site supervisor for this program. She was approved as the on-site supervisor in May 2022. She has been with the center since January 2002 and has a BA in psychology. There are 18 teachers employed by the center and six administrative staff members.

The center is in a free-standing building. Parents check their children in through a computer system at the front desk. All visitors check in at the front desk as well. The center operates Monday through Friday from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm. The program cares for infants through school-aged children, aged ten-years-old (or fourth grade). There are currently 160 children enrolled. There are resources for parents inside the entrance. The center cooperates with Central Rivers AEA to provide services to children with identified needs. The center has two observation rooms that can be used by professionals to observe children without disruption.

The center operates out of the following rooms: infant room, toddler room, Brown room (two-year-old room), Green room (two and three-year-old room, which is currently not being used), Red room (three and four-year-old room), Blue room (four and five-year-old room) and the multi-purpose room (school-aged). The Purple Room is currently being used for storage. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with pictures of the children, the children's art projects, and posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. The children's birthdates are also posted in some of the rooms. There is an area for circle time in most rooms. There are pictures of staff members in the entrance.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, Lego/blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, writing, math, science/discovery, puppets, play dough, sensory table and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level so they were easily accessible to the children.

The center partners with the Waverly Shell Rock School District to provide the voluntary preschool program. The preschool program participates in the Iowa QPPS program. Amy Slaba is the lead teacher for the program. The preschool classes meet Monday through Friday and offer a morning class from 9:00-11:00 am and an afternoon class from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Creative Curriculum is used to develop lesson plans for the voluntary preschool program. In the other classrooms a variety of resources are used. Activities are planned around themes. The length of the theme depends on the topic and the children's interest. Lesson plans were available for review in all rooms.

There was a phone with emergency numbers in the classrooms. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by all the main program doors and outdoor exits. A daily schedule was posted in each room.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. A radon test was last completed in June 2020 and is only good for two years. Results were within EPA guidelines at that time. The center has ordered new kits for this year. The fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site and located in each program room. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 05/03/21, with compliance on 12/29/21.

The program participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The center provides the children with breakfast, lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. Dawn Smith is the cook. Ms. Smith makes a new menu each week. Family style is only used in the Blue Room and for the school-age children. Teachers dish the food out for the younger children. Menus were posted. Food was stored according to the NHSPS guidelines.

In the infant room, the center provides one brand of formula, baby food and cereal. Parents can bring a different brand if they choose. Refrigerators and freezers had thermometers. In the toddler room the temperature of the refrigerator has been consistently above forty degrees. You may need a new refrigerator in this room. Bottles are sent to the kitchen to be washed or they are sent home with parents each night. Most parents bring the bottles prepared each day.

The center uses bleach and water to sanitize the tables and disinfect the changing tables.

I observed diaper changes and they are being done correctly.

The parent information is in the entrance. The mandatory reporter, child care consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

Staff members were observed to have terrific interaction with the children. Staff members were on the floor engaged in activities in all the rooms. Staff members maintained positive conversations with the children and provided them with praise. Positive redirection was used when necessary. Staff members assisted children with handwashing. They introduced activities to the children and used play as an opportunity to teach the children about colors and counting. Staff members encouraged the children to use their imaginations. Child friendly music was playing in the rooms. Staff members moved around the room to interact with all the children. The children seemed to enjoy and feel comfortable in the program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program has provided child care since 1970. They celebrated 50 years of existence in August 2020. They have purchased the land next to the current center and will be adding an additional building for care in the near future.

Ms. Wagner is passionate about child care and providing quality care to the families they serve. She is dedicated to the program and she is doing an amazing job as the interim director. She reaches out when she has questions and makes corrections immediately when necessary. This has been one of the best visits I have had at the center. Staff members seem happy working with Ms. Wagner.

The program is taking the temperatures of all children as they arrive and staff members are escorting the children back to their rooms.

The program receives support from community members and the center is an asset to Waverly. They are well known as a quality child care center.

Ms. Wagner states the staff members are flexible and willing to do anything to make sure the center is running smoothly and the children are cared for in a proper way.

Ms. Wagner states their focus is on quality of care. Staff members cover for each other and move around as necessary. There is a staff shortage so staff members have had to work a lot of overtime.

The center has a partnership with the Waverly Shell Rock school district and Wartburg College.

The center partners with Waverly Shell Rock school district to provide the four-year-old voluntary preschool program.

There is a large waiting list for the center.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

Heather Wagner is the director. An administrative change is being made to name Kristin Kuiper as the on-site supervisor. The center has a new email address which is waverlychildcarecenter@msn.com.

An administrative change is being made to increase the capacity of the center. The center has a new addition to their current building. They will use the new space while they remodel the old space. They are only using certain rooms currently and will have a new capacity of 167 children right now. They began using the space on 02/06/23.

*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.