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

Name of Center: Growing With Grace Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 74 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47860

Street: 3740 Utica Ridge Road Suite A **City:** Bettendorf Iowa **Zip** 52722 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 3740 Utica Ridge Road Suite A, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

Director's Name: Jill Trannel **Phone Number:** 563-505-4618

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** growingwithgracebett@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-22-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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 **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 09-14-2022

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: 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		10	31	29	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 05-25-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 5/22/23. The application indicates the center is owned by Jens Baker. The center is managed by the approved center director Jill Trannel. Jill was present along with several other staff on the day of the visit. The center is for profit. The center continues to operate out of leased space in a building that also includes other businesses that are entirely separate from the center. The center typically offers care to children age two and one half through school age. School age children may attend after school and on non school days. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Program.

The center includes the following program rooms: Little sprouts room (two and one half to three year old room), blooming buds room (main room, prek, four to five year old room), minion room (far side room, four/five year old children and/or school age children), 2TK room (mid room, four/five year old children), and sonshine room (back room, 2 1/2 to three year old or three to four year old room). Program rooms continue to be very well stocked with materials that are well maintained and are accessible to the children. The program spaces are colorfully decorated and include wall postings at the children's level as well. All children have to travel outside of their program rooms to use the restroom in hallway areas nearby to the rooms. The little sprouts room does have a diaper station and a hand washing sink within the program room. There is also a hand washing sink used by the staff and children in an adjacent closet area for that room. The other rooms do not include hand washing sinks within the rooms. There are two hand washing sinks used by all of the other rooms in a hallway area between the little sprouts and minion rooms.

The center provides snack, lunch, and snack. Snacks are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. Lunch is currently catered to the center by a local grocery store. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The kitchen area is organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director is educated and experienced in child care/preschool administration. The center continues to be quite pleasantly decorated and well supplied with plenty of accessible and organized materials for the children in each program room. The center has a large supply of books that are organized by topic. The building is bright with large windows in most every room. The staff were again observed to be highly engaged with and interacting positively with the children, and the children appeared to be thoroughly enjoying their child care/preschool experience. The staff appear to support each other and work well together. The center completes daily notes for each child in the little sprouts room and others if requested by parents. Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation were found to be highly organized.

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

CHILD FILES:
109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
1. Center does not have current files for the school age children who are currently attending. The center director was reminded that all children attending must have current and complete files.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
1. Number invalid: 3
2. Also, there were not immunization certificates present for the school age children currently attending.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Center is reminded of CACFP requirements and to serve items that are credible. Veggie straws are an example of an item that is not credible.
2. Ensure time frames between meals/snacks meets the no less than two hours and no more than three hours between the start times of each including when children have snack in a rotation.
3. Center is reminded that radon testing for all rooms is due 6/2023.
4. Ensure all first aid kit locations are clearly and visibly labeled.
5. Ensure deep freezer unit has a visible working thermometer and monitor for proper functioning (0F or below).
6. Emergency plan posting at main exit door and at both doors from the sonshine room need the center information and the phone numbers for police/fire/poison control.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.