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

Name of Center: Diamond Trail Children's Center **Enrollment:** 99 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 16303

Street: 301 East St **City:** Lynnville Iowa **Zip** 50153 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: PO Box 146, Lynnville, IA, 50153

Director's Name: Brenda Denmark **Phone Number:** 641-527-2200

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** diamondtrail@netins.net

Date(s) of Visit: 02-23-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-25-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-17-2021

Comments : 9/3/21 - date of compliance

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	17		21	32	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-12-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Diamond Trail Children's Center has been in operation since September 2005. This center provides child care for children ranging from infancy to school age children. The center occupies the majority of a single standing building. The center has one classroom that is used by the public school for the Universal PreK program. Brenda Denmark is the director. Brenda has been employed at the daycare since 2014. Brenda has been the director since August 2013.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Schedules are posted by classrooms entrances. Older children's classrooms had lesson plans posted. Classrooms have age appropriate furnishings, toys and supplies. Children's artwork is displayed on walls.

Brenda was present and she assisted with today's visit. There were ten infants present today. Three staff were working in the infant classroom. The toddler classroom had four children present. One staff was working in this classroom. The 2's and 3's were together. They had twelve children. There were four staff working with these children. The 4's and 5's had ten children present. One staff was working with this class. Children were observed during various activities. Some children were observed having lunch. Classrooms were observed getting ready for rest time and doing individual play activities. Staff read books to children as a group activity. Children were doing table activities.

The center doesn't participate in CACFP at this time. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center added a few snack items that don't meet CACFP requirements. The center will remove these items as a credible food group.

The center has some fencing around majority of the playground. Surfacing wasn't sufficient today as there wasn't enough depth in some areas that was required. Brenda said wood mulch will be added this spring. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't take off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Brenda has worked closely with CCR&R since becoming director. The center is very supported by the community. The center works with the school district for their universal preschool classroom.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child,

and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
Some staff didn't complete trainings in required time frame.

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Some staff overdue for First Aid/CPR.

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.
Several children's files need updated physicals.

109.10(1)b: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
Several school age children need updated annual statement of health forms.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
The center added some snacks that aren't credible. These will be removed as part of credible snacks.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

Brenda will go through children's files and get updated physicals and statement of health forms from parents.

The infant classroom has used boppy pillows to prop infants. The intended use for boppy pillows is not to prop infants. The misuse of these pillows has caused injuries and infant deaths. The use of boppy pillows in child care centers is strongly discouraged. Brenda said they will remove boppy pillows from their infant classroom.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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