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

Name of Center: Traditions Children's Center II Bldg 200 **Enrollment:** 32 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25468

Street: 490 S 51st ST **City:** West Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50265 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 490 S 51st ST , West Des Moines, IA, 50265

Director's Name: Jennifer Wilson **Phone Number:** 515-327-0008

On-Site Supervisor(s): Paige Murrillo (still pending) **E-Mail:** director@traditions2200.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-25-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-04-2023

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

Date Inspected: 03-27-2024

Comments : West Des Moines Fire Marshal.

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	18	45	47	126
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 09-25-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 9/25/24. The new director was present throughout the visit.

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

Traditions II, Building 200 is located next door to Traditions II, Building 100. Jennifer Wilson is the director of this program. Jennifer has been with the company for a number of years and has past experience being a director. Paige Murrillo is still the pending on-site supervisor. All of the Traditions and Clive Children Centers are owned by Robert and Bonnie Netteland. The center serves children ages six weeks old to 12 years old. The center uses their own curriculum based off of other curriculums teachers have used in the past.

During the visit, children were engaged in free choice play in two of the three rooms that are currently open. Staff were sitting on the floor playing with children. School-age children were in school at the time of the visit.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

All of the Traditions and Clive centers are overseen by the same owners. Therefore, they share the same policies and procedures handbooks, staff (if needed), etc. which creates continuity.

The center works with CCR&R, AEA, and their nurse consultant as needed.

There center is a secure entrance. All parents have their own code. All visitors have to ring a doorbell to gain access into the main center area.

The center utilizes the Pro-Care system for parents signing their child in/out of the center as well as for staff.

The annual child update forms used by the centers have been used by this consultant in the past as an example for other centers.

There are monthly staff meetings held at the center. In addition, all of the directors at the Traditions centers and Clive Children Centers have monthly meetings with the owner and/or executive director.

Individual lesson plans are practiced for children in the infant room.

The new director appears to be organized. The director has worked for the company for a number of years.

The director believes she has a good staff who work well together. There are a lot of tenured staff at this location.

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

109.6(2): Director or on-site supervisor on-site during the hours of operation or a minimum of six hours of center's hours of operation.
Information on on-site supervisor's qualifications is submitted to the consultant prior to employment and is sufficient to make a determination.
On-site supervisor meets qualifications or is "qualifiable" with a plan established to meet qualifications.
This consultant is still waiting on Paige Murrillo's on-site supervisor paperwork.

109.9(2)c: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.
For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.
Number not in compliance: 1 child was missing a current physical.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 1 child was missing immunization records.
Number invalid: 0

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
August 2024 tornado drills were not documented.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. A significant amount of wood chips are needed for the playground around fall zones and also to cover (if not removed) tree roots.
2. Parts of the fence in the lower part of the playground are in need of repair or replacement.
3. The van needs to be swept out/vacuumed.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center tested for radon 9/23/22 - 9/26/22. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual furnace inspection on file was from 8/16/23. The 2024 service has been scheduled and will take place the first week in October.

As mentioned in past years' visits, screens are still needed first for several windows should classrooms want to open the windows and let fresh air in when weather permits.

The center uses their own buses/vans for field trips and transportation needs.

IQ4K and I-Power were discussed during the visit. Staff will need to create I - Power profiles if they don't already have them and also upload professional development training hours.

It is again recommended that playground mats be purchased to put down at the bottom of slides and under swings to help prevent these areas from losing wood chips. It is also again recommended a border (wooded or plastic) be put at the bottom of the fence to keep wood chips better contained in the upper level.

The most current link to the licensing manual was shown to the director during the visit. It is recommended this be saved to favorites on the computer.

It is recommended a separate monthly fire/tornado drill form be used for school-age children to practice and record monthly drills.

Paige Murrillo's on-site supervisor paperwork should be sent to this consultant. The on-site supervisor form was again emailed to the center after the visit concluded.

A thermometer is needed in one of the kitchen refrigerators.

This consultant's phone number will need to be changed in the center's Emergency Preparedness written plan.

It is recommended parents list at least authorized/emergency pick up other than themselves for their children.

It was noted one child is within one day of the 30 day grace period from enrollment of needing to provide immunization/physical records.

A follow up was made to the center's CCNC for a diabetic child.

*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.