

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

Name of Center: Bear Creek Kids Campus **Enrollment:** 14 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52146

Street: 1090 Jackson ST **City:** Brooklyn **Iowa** **Zip** 52211 **County:** Poweshiek

Mailing Address: PO Box 357, Brooklyn, IA, 52211

Director's Name: Leah Bauman **Phone Number:** 641-990-4663

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Date(s) of Visit: 04-29-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 04-26-2024

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** NA

Accreditation: **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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>
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LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	32	16	17	21	86
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 05-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

Date: 04-30-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Bear Creek Kids Campus opened in May 2023. The center initially operated in Brooklyn Elementary. The center built a single standing building located beside the school and moved to the building beginning of May 2024. The building has a secured entrance. The owners of the daycare are Shane and Susan Sissel. The center serves infant through school age children. The director is Leah Bauman. Leah was a teacher prior to becoming director at the daycare.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the center's entrance. Classroom schedules are posted. Lesson plans are being worked on and will be complete when children start in classrooms. The center has age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys in place. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies in the hallway.

This worker met with the school age program that was in operation today. Two staff were working today. Eleven children were in attendance. Children were outdoors today on the school's playground.

This worker also met with Leah Bauman and Cathy Essick at the new building. This worker toured the new building and went through administrative records. The building will have programming for children ages infancy through school age. Capacity for the building is 86. There are two infant classrooms. The Yellow Room is for young infants. The Blue Room is for one year old children. The Green Room is for two year olds. The Purple Room is for 3's - 5's. The Red Room is for the school age children. Each classroom has it's own bathrooms as well as sinks in the classrooms.

The center has been serving snack for after school programming. The daycare center has a service kitchen. Staff will use a three step method to clean and sanitize dishes and serving utensils. Food is cooked at the Brooklyn Community Estate. Food will be transported in a large container that is capable of keeping food warmed and also mobile to allow staff to push it to each classroom. The center will be serving breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed and meet CACFP requirements. Menus are on a five week rotation.

The center is in the process of building it's own playground. There will be two playground areas: one for ages infants through 2's and one for 3's and up. There will be grass and concrete areas. The center can also use the school's playground for the older children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is moving into a new building built for the daycare center. The center has a secured entrance. The center has security cameras in place. Classrooms are well furnished with developmentally appropriate furnishings and supplies.

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

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are:In the center.In the outdoor play area.On field trips. School age children were playing on the school's playground. There wasn't a first aid kit taken outside with the group.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

The center has moved into their new space, which is located right beside the school. Capacity has increased to 86 and the center has added child care for infants through preschool, in addition to school age.

*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.