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

Name of Center: Happy Time Child Care **Enrollment:** 39 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51991

Street: 401 Grandview AVE **City:** Muscatine Iowa **Zip** 52761 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: 401 Grandview AVE, Muscatine, IA, 52761

Director's Name: Holly Brockert **Phone Number:** 563-263-0957

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sam Sivill **E-Mail:** htpskids@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-27-2024

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:** 09-26-2022

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

Date Inspected: 01-22-2024

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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	20	20	20	26	86
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 08-29-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at HAPPY TIME CHILD CARE – 51991 on 8/27/2024 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 1/22/24. The center is for profit. The center serves infants to school aged children. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 5:00am-6:00pm. Their current enrollment is 39.

The director is Holly Brockert. Holly started in 2019. The onsite supervisor is Sam Sivill. Sam started in 2020.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center is located inside of two commercial buildings. The center has 4 classrooms, storage space, office, kitchen, and restrooms. The center's playground includes large shade trees, balls, riding toys, pushing toys, bubbles, hula hoops, teeter totter, etc.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The center offers breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed. The center does communicate with parents via: Brightwheel.

The center's curriculum is teacher created.

The center does not offer field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-Holly and the center were on a provisional license. They had 12 citations. They took professional development trainings, worked with outside agencies and consistently reached out to HHS when they had questions. This dedication ensured that the center is no longer on a provisional license and only has one citation this report.
-Holly also decided to decrease capacity until she could hire quality staff.
-The center participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program..
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
The center has done an excellent job of maintaining child care staff. Dawn started in 4/17. Ashleigh started in 4/18. Holly started in 9/19. Sam started in 6/20.
-The director, Holly, started in 2019. During this time Holly has chosen to establish regular working relationships with Child Care Resource and Referral https://iowaccrr.org/providers/ccc/, Child Care Nurse Consultant https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci, and Early Child Care Iowa https://www.ecimc.org/.

-Holly also decided to reach out to area directors or HHS Licensing Consultant when she has a question. This has helped her learn Iowa Code 109 and become a better-quality director.
-The center has the Library and Discovery Center visit the center.
-The center chose to work with Iowa Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports https://www.pbis.org/pbis/what-is-pbis.
-I smile is offered twice a year for families: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/dental-and-oral-health/i-smile

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-The center has some cosmetic work to do replace carpeting, replace tiling, replace cabinets, and paint.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period. As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf

This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year. This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center's CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings. Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center's CCNC consultant visit: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

*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.