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

**Name of Center:** Growing With Grace Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 73 **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:** 04-09-2024

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** **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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | 10 | 31 | 29 | 70 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| 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 Hungate **Date:** 04-30-2024

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

N/A

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 4/9/24. 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 years 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 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 includes a diaper station and a hand washing sink within the program 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 from 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 children age two through four. Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation were found to be highly organized. The center director states that the center has been awarded grant money and will be purchasing new tables to replace those where the surface has worn, using funds toward staff retention, and for additional mulch in the outdoor play area.

**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. 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. Items labeled to keep out of reach of children accessible on shelving in the entry area. It is recommended that the center reduce the miscellaneous clutter throughout the center to avoid this and other potential hazards.
2. Food service surfaces not washed and sanitized immediately prior to use as required. Surfaces used for this activity shall also first be de-cluttered prior to cleaning and sanitizing.
3. Diaper ointment accessible to children in the diaper cabinet in the little sprouts room.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance.

1. Improve storage of children's items in the middle room. Items should not be piled together.
2. Purell requires a rinse step after the soapy water wash and before applying the Purell to cover.

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.