

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

Name of Center: Wigwam Daycare and Preschool **Enrollment:** 50 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47780

Street: 200 W Locust St **City:** Bloomfield **Iowa Zip** 52537 **County:** Davis

Mailing Address: 409 E Crestview, Bloomfield, IA, 52537

Director's Name: Traci Wiegand **Phone Number:** 641-664-3091

On-Site Supervisor(s): Joni Helton **E-Mail:** wieganddaycare@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-03-2020

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:** 06-10-2020

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

Date Inspected: 08-08-2019

Comments : conducted by SFM Mark Weidman, due every 3 years

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** X **Special Needs**

SCHEDULE: X **Year-round** **School-Year** **Summer Only**

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	30	22	72	26	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 09-01-2020 to 09-01-2022
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jill Seibert

Date: 06-10-2020

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Wigwam Daycare and Preschool purchased an former Elementary School building in residential Bloomfield and now occupies the space. Davis County Head Start rents one room from the center and offers free 3 year old Head Start programming. The Center is located in a residential neighborhood in Bloomfield. The library is next door. The Center provides programs ages 6 weeks through age 12 or through the 6th Grade. The center shares a building with a dance studio/fitness group/social center, but is separated by a locked door. The teachers and associates have two- and four-year degrees with early childhood endorsements. On 6/3/20 I made an announced licensing visit to Wigwam Daycare and Preschool. Other visits have been made to the program throughout the year. On the visit I met with owner and Director Traci Wiegand and other staff members.

Ms. Wiegand has an AA from Indian Hills Community College and 12 years of experience providing in home child care. She has directed the center the past 4 years. The onsite supervisor added last year is Joni Helton. Joni Helton is a Certified Teacher Pre K--5th grade. Felicia Davidson will be a new on site supervisor this year. She also is certified with K-5. On the visit staff were actively engaged in providing the preschool and child care program to the children. All program areas were observed. The center contains 8 classrooms divided by age groups, one for infants, an attached room for toddlers, one for two year old children, three for 3-5 year old children, and another room for school age children that is attached to the kitchen and also serves as a dining area for all children. The infant classroom is also divided into play and sleep areas. A separate room was added in 2018 for older one year old children so that younger infants are now separated. An additional infant room was recently added to accommodate community needs.

The preschool teachers will be allowed to attend monthly in-services at the local school. This will be the programs fifth year of operation.

Child and staff files are reviewed annually including:

Staff: FBI Fingerprint results, SING check results, Universal Precautions Training, Mandatory Reporter training, CPR/First Aid training and emergency preparedness training.

Child: Annual physicals, annual updates on field trip permission slips, pick up authorization and emergency contacts, allergy action plans and immunizations.

All mandatory postings were present. Administration is aware of requirements for posting of communicable diseases.

The center contains an updated kitchen, attached pantry and adjoining dining area.

Rooms are separated and spacious and most rooms have at least 2 exits. Each room exits into the hallway and often into a neighboring classroom.

Large restrooms are available down the hall from the classrooms as is a large gymnasium.

An outdoor play area with open green space is on the front and side of the building. It is well maintained and no safety hazards noted. Head Start and the childcare program share the common spaces.

The visit consisted of classroom review and observations of activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. However, the main focus/topic of this year's visit was to discuss health and safety practices as it pertains to the Coronavirus pandemic. Frequent consultation and collaboration by phone and email are had throughout the year.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center often times has more staff in the room than ratio requires.

The center's leadership team took PBIS training and plans to implement PBIS strategies building wide.

The center is adding new outdoor play equipment this year including a climber for preschool age children and rubber mulch.

The center offers more square feet per room than required. Staff and children enjoy this.

The center engages regularly with CCR&R and IDPH for best practice efforts and measures.

The center has been proactive regarding lead paint issues in the building. They conduct frequent checks of the paint to ensure it is not chipping. The center employs a full time maintenance manager who does an excellent job keeping the property above standards. This is duly noted.

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. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant. No co-sleeping shall be allowed. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Violations have gone down each year since the center opened in 2016.

*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.