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

Name of Center: Diagonal Daycare **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 26893

Street: 403 W 2nd ST **City:** Diagonal Iowa **Zip** 50845 **County:** Ringgold

Mailing Address: 403 W 2nd ST, Diagonal, IA, 50845

Director's Name: Sierra England **Phone Number:** 641-734-5331

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** secretary@diagonalschools.org sengland@diagonalschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-04-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-03-2021

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

Date Inspected: 02-11-2022

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: 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	10	10	20	10	50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2022 to 02-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-26-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Diagonal Daycare (The center was previously Tina's Tots) 4-4-2023. The program is located in the Diagonal Community School building. The center provides child care services to infants through school age children, Monday through Friday. The school provides preschool services, the children are in child care when they aren't receiving preschool services. The school is a SFL site for learning for school age children, this is a program offered through the school from 7:00 am to 8:00 am and 3:10 pm to 5:00 pm. School age children are in the child care program before and after the SFL program, in service days and during the summer.
40 children are enrolled.
I met with the Director Sierra England during my visit. Sierra became the director in May 2022.

Observation of rooms:
There are three program areas - Infant area, the gym and the two and older room.
The gym is utilized throughout the day. One side of the gym is arranged with activity centers. There is also a large open area of the gym used for trikes, mats and large motor activities. The gym isn't air conditioned.

Infant room - there were four children and one staff present. The Brightwheel app is used for the daily sheets, the daily sheets looked good.

Two and older room - there were six children and one staff present. The children were having a snack. The staff person left the room and went in the infant room to get jelly for the English muffins - the children were left unsupervised. Also during my visit three boys were in the bathroom unsupervised. Staff can't leave the room unsupervised. You need to monitor/supervise children in the bathroom, I would never recommend allowing more than one child in the bathroom at a time unsupervised. Please review supervision responsibilities with all staff.

The younger children room had seven children and two staff - snack time.

The school age children have programming in the gym. The school is a SFL site for learning, this is a program offered through the school from 7:00 am to 8:00 am and 3:10 pm to 5:00 pm. School age children are in the child care program before and after the SFL program, in service days and during the summer.
Staff in each room develop the lesson plan/activities. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children.
Sierra is working on the IQ4K program.

Nutrition:
The school provides the breakfast and lunch. The SFL Sites for Learning provide the snack. Even if you aren't on the federal food program CACFP guidelines must be followed. Menus are posted.

Health and Safety:
The medication management procedures are followed when children are prescribed medication and the medication log is used.

Fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented each month.
The annual fuel burning inspection - boiler inspection will expire in July 2023.
Radon testing continues to be required every two years and the test results need to be under a 4.0 pCi/L, it is now the responsibility of the Department of Education to make sure the testing is completed.
Please evaluate the lead based paint annually. Refer to your handbook rule 109.11(7)a.

Playground:
The center uses the school playground. Monthly playground inspections weren't done consistently. Please complete monthly playground inspections.

Transportation:
The child care center doesn't provide transportation services.
Walking field trips may be taken around the community if parents have signed field trip authorizations. Ratio is increased by 1 staff on field trips. A first aid kit and emergency contacts need to be taken along.

Administrative records:
Staff and child files were read and were in excellent order.
Mr. McNutt is the new superintendent of the school.
There are eight employees. Sierra plans on having monthly staff meetings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Diagonal Daycare is an excellent resource for the community. The school secretary Danielle Newton and the school nurse Lacy Doolittle help Sierra as needed with licensing.
Sierra was very helpful during my licensing visit. She is very enthusiastic about the program. She is working hard learning the licensing rules. She would benefit from consultation and training from Child Care Resource and Referral.

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

109.8(2)d: At least one staff shall be present in every room. Brief absence of staff person permitted for 5 or less minutes when another staff person is present.
Two year and older room - The staff person left the room and went in the infant room to get jelly for the English muffins - the children were left unsupervised. Also during my visit three boys were in the bathroom unsupervised. Staff can't leave the room unsupervised. You need to monitor/supervise children in the bathroom. Explore different options i.e. don't allow more that one child in the bathroom at a time. Please review supervision responsibilities with all staff.

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.
Children can never be left unsupervised. Staff need to monitor/supervise when children are using the bathroom.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
Monthly playground inspections weren't done consistently. Please complete monthly playground inspections.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 2-1-2022 to 2-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 4-4-2023.

A referral to child care resource and referral will be made to review supervision, and licensing rules.

The program building was reported to be constructed in prior to 1960, therefore lead based paint should be evaluated annually. Refer to your handbook rule 109.11(7)a. for instructions on conducting a visual assessment etc.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me at 712 328-4877; email kdegeor@dhs.state.ia.us so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with

this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.
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