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

Name of Center: Beyond The Bell-Hunt **Enrollment:** 56 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30175

Street: 2002 Nebraska St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51104 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: PO Box 2129, Sioux City, IA, 51104

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews **Phone Number:** 712-277-3600

On-Site Supervisor(s): Roxanna Dearcos **E-Mail:** jandrews@siouxlandship.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-21-2023

Licensing Visit **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:** 08-19-2022

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

Date Inspected: 08-17-2022

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			30	189	219
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 10-02-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited BTB Hunt on 09-21-23 and spoke with Barb Tushila lead worker as Roxanna Dearcos, onsite supervisor for this site was not present. Ms Dearcos has several years of experience working with children. Ms Dearcos also is the onsite for not only Hunt but Bryant, Loess Hills, and Irving Beyond the Bell sites. Beyond the Bell Hunt moved into the a new building beginning of the 08-23-22 school year. Capacity is 219. The program offers before and after school program Monday 6:30am to 8:30am and 2:30pm to 6:00pm; Tuesday thru Friday 6:30am to 8:30am and 3:30pm to 6:00pm. They will use the commons, gym, and stage areas. With the option to use the black box and gallery rooms. The program will serve preschool to school agers in the 5th grade. There is a buzzer outside the building to get into the school and the Beyond the Bell program. Staff meet parents at the door to gain access to the program.

There are 56 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit only 19 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The after school program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children.

Staff files will be reviewed at the program central office at a later date and any issues identified will be addressed at that time. A random selection of child files found each reviewed file contained all required forms and contact information. The program is converting to paperless by using the Playground Application. for the children's registration as well as communication with parents.

Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children. The program may take field trips which the program gets individual permission related to that field trip and then the children take the city bus for the field trip. However, at this time they have not done any field trips. The center uses the school playground for outside play. The playground has climbing equipment and basketball area. Surfacing is rubber squares. Radon results were not available at the time of the visit nor was a yearly furnace inspections.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Snacks and breakfast are provided through the Sioux City School system. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition.

Goals of the center have steady/consistent staff, continue obtaining fun activities for the children, as well as having the children learn.

Strengths of the program is good group of staff that work as a team at this site.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program started using the Playground application to help communicate with parents and to streamline administrative paperwork.

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

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

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The program will email consultant by 10-31-23 confirming all aspects below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.