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

Name of Center: St Anthony Junior & Plus **Enrollment:** 56 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 26690

Street: 16 Columbus AVE **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 16 Columbus AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50315

Director's Name: Justina Glick **Phone Number:** 515-514-0364

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** jglick@stanthonydsm.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-29-2025

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:** 04-01-2025

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

Date Inspected: 10-24-2024

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 X 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				49	49
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2025 to 05-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 05-30-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

St Anthony Junior & Plus is located in St. Anthony Parish. It is overseen by a board of directors. The daycare center has a secured entrance. The center operates before and after school and also during the summer months. The summer hours are 6:30 - 5:30. Preschool age children also attend during the school day. The majority of programming occurs in the main cafeteria of the Parish. The Junior's classroom is located within the cafeteria area. Justina Glick is the director of the program. Justina has been employed at the center since January 2019. Justina has a BA in Human Services. She has her CDA and worked at another child care center for three years prior to coming to this center.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place. The schedules are posted. Lesson plans are available. The children's coats and backpacks are kept in lockers and cubbies. The center sets out games and table toys and some interest areas for child care. The Junior classroom has age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies. The classroom has defined interest areas. The younger preschool children spend some time during preschool in Justina's office, where age appropriate furnishings and toys are set up.

Justina assisted with today's visit. There were four staff working with the school age children. There were thirty two children at the beginning of programming today. There were five children in the preschool room. One staff was working in this classroom. There were thirty five children in attendance today. Children were playing in the interest areas, doing table activities and doing homework. There was an age appropriate cartoon playing on a TV in the cafeteria also. Staff were actively involved with the children's activities and playing games with the children.

The center serves snack after school. Children eat breakfast in the school cafeteria. The school is going to be a free meal site this summer so children will be getting lunch from that program. Breakfast and afternoon snack will be provided from the center. Menus reviewed today show the center is following CACFP guidelines.

The center uses one of the school's preschool playground and larger playground. School staff maintains the playground. The center completes playground checklists. There is fencing around the playground. There is natural shading. Wood chips provide surfacing material. The school did a fundraiser and will be doing a major renovation of the playground that is used for Kindergarten through 8th grade.

The center uses Durham Busing for off site field trips in the summer.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Justina Glick has several years of experience working in centers prior to coming to this center. Administrative records are well maintained. The center has a secured entrance. The center uses BrightWheel. This center has been in operation for many years, previously licensed under the Department of Education. Justina has reached out to her CCR&R consultant on her own for support and advice. The program is well supported from the Parish.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) 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.

*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.

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