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

Name of Center: APK Academy Eldridge **Enrollment:** 23 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50431

Street: 612 Parkview Dr **City:** Eldridge Iowa **Zip** 52748 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 612 Parkview Dr, Eldridge, IA, 52748

Director's Name: Shantell Wallace **Phone Number:** 563-285-7212

On-Site Supervisor(s): None **E-Mail:** shantell@apk-academy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-11-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-01-2022

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

Date Inspected: 05-04-2023

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	26	14	34	14	88
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2023 to 01-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 02-19-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 1/11/24. The owner of this center is Teisha Campbell . Teisha was present at the center on the day of the visit. The center is affiliated with other centers of similar name located in Iowa and Illinois. The approved and qualified center director is Shantell Wallace. Shantell was present along with several other staff. This center is for profit and currently serves children infant through school age. The center director states during the summer school age care is provided from 9am to 4:30pm, and during the school year it is only provided to school age children of staff. The program does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center includes the following current arrangement of program rooms: Infant 1 room, infant 2 room (currently not in use and not set up for child care, next to infant 1 room), toddler room (approximately 12 months through 23 months , across the hall from infant 1 and infant 2 rooms, currently not in use on the day of the visit), two year old room (18 months through two years, farthest back room on right side of hallway), three year old/prek room (three through five year old children, farthest back room on left side of hallway), prek room (four and five year old children, this is the back section of the large room on the right side of the center), school age room (this is the front section of the large room on the right side of the center, previously used as a large motor area for all children, not in use at the time of the visit). The school age room is large enough for 14 children and has been added to the license capacity for the center since it is now assigned to the school age children.

Program rooms are generally furnished with an adequate amount of accessible items to support program needs. All program rooms include hand washing sinks within the program room and most also include restroom areas adjacent (for those with children of the toileting age). The infant one and infant two rooms also include a separate food preparation sink. Rooms with children in diapers include diaper stations near the hand washing sink. All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. Meals and snacks are prepared on site in the center's kitchen by the kitchen staff person.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The children's crafts and projects are posted throughout the center. The staff appear to work well together and were engaged in activities with the children throughout the center. The center director states the center names an "employee of the month" and staff also voted for the "teacher of the year" award. Child and staff files were found to be generally well organized. Other licensing documentation was organized.

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

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals. Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not

less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
1. Cereal bars are not credible items per CACFP requirements.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The administrative change is completed to reflect the addition of the school age room (formerly large motor room) to the capacity of the center. The room can have a maximum of 14 children at any given time.

1. Ensure all exit pathways from the center are clear of snow and ice at all times. Pathway should be sufficient to entirely open doors easily and for children and staff to safely exit the building in the event of an emergency.
2. Hand washing poster is needed at the kitchen hand washing sink and at the staff restroom area sink. This has been noted previously.
3. Ensure all spray bottles throughout the center are clearly labeled for their contents and location of use. Several spray bottles need to be labeled or relabeled. Bleach spray solution is not labeled correctly on the spray bottle in the prek room and in the three year old room. It is noted that spray bottles are properly labeled in the infant 1 and two year old rooms.
4. Refrigerator thermometer in the toddler room does not appear to function properly and should be replaced.
5. 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 (see rule).

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the item 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.