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

Name of Center: Sioux Central Childcare Center **Enrollment:** 50 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 29110

Street: 515 Elm ST **City:** Sioux Rapids Iowa **Zip** 50585 **County:** Buena Vista

Mailing Address: PO Box 43, Sioux Rapids, IA, 50585

Director's Name: Nikita Anderson **Phone Number:** 712-283-2395

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** sccc_04@hotmail.com
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Date(s) of Visit: 06-12-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 07-12-2024

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: 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	23		27		50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 06-16-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I completed an unannounced visit on 06/12/25 at Sioux Central Childcare Center. I was able to meet Director Nikita Anderson. Nakita has been in this position since 2023. She has many years of experience working in the childcare field. We discussed the transition for her as the director. Nikita indicates that they have a better system in place to ensure that licensing guidelines are followed. The center provides full range childcare programming serving infants through school age children.

There are approximately 50 children currently enrolled, which is their capacity. There were 33 children present at the time of my visit. Staff Ratio was good.

The center is located in the old elementary school in Sioux Rapids. The center is independent of the school system and has its own board. The center and the school system work together well. The school does take care of maintenance needs such as radon testing and fuel burning inspections.

The center makes use of 3 classroom areas, and the gymnasium. The infants are served in one classroom on an upper split level. Older mobile infants and toddlers are served in the lower-level classroom. Preschool age children are served in a large open area on the lower level. The older school age children make use of the gymnasium as their primary programming area during the summer, and during the school year combine with the preschool classroom.

All areas of the program subject to Licensing Standards were reviewed during the visit.

They use a theme-based curriculum and currently have been working on projects for Father's Day. They also did projects for Mother's Day. This is a nice way to include families in the activities that they are working on at the center. I observed handprint art that was made to look like the American flag.
I observed activity centers through the classroom. There were many age-appropriate toys including steppingstones, books, puzzles, dramatic play and among other activities. Staff have very creative ideas including freezing colored water which the children use to draw.

There is good positive interaction between staff and the children in their care. I was able to observe their mealtimes and good handwashing policies were observed. The children were very excited about their lunch and were having a conversation about their afternoon activities.
They do not do field trips unless they are walking to the pool. First Aid kits are sufficient to treat minor injuries.

The center was observed to be clean. I observe proper diaper changes. Staff are working on painting some rooms in the center. They use the gym for a lot of activities, and this is a nice space for the children to learn and to play.

They do need to do monthly playground inspections. The goal of the program is to get some shade in their outside area.

Staff were very cooperative with this worker. They currently do not have an HHS licensing book and are going to work

with their CCRR consultant to complete this task.

They are working on their IQ4K certification.

They are also working on getting their non-profit status back.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Nikita Anderson has been the director for about 2 years. She and the staff have worked hard and improving things that have not been in compliance in the past.

Staff turnover has lessened and there is core group of employes that are committed to providing good care to the children in their community.

Staff do a good job of including parents in the day-to-day activities of the center.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended at this time. Please provide information regarding need information to this licensing consultant. When the Radon is checked again in the fall, please send results if it is again too high a plan must be developed for corrective action

*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.