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

**Name of Center:** Beyond The Bell-Morningside **Enrollment:** 59 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30200

**Street:** 3601 Bushnell AVE **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **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):** Veronica Ramirez **E-Mail:** jandrews@siouxlandship.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 12-04-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 10-13-2023

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

**Date Inspected:** 07-17-2023

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | | | | 236 | 236 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Jana Drew **Date:** 12-06-2023

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Visited center on 12-04-23 and spoke with lead worker Katy Rosener and onsite supervisor Veronica Ramirez. Ms. Ramirez has been with Beyond the Bell for several years and is an onsite for a couple of Beyond the Bell locations. Beyond the Bell Morningside is a before and after school program located in the gym and lunchroom.

The program is available M-F 6:30am-8:30am, T-F 3:30pm-6:00pm & M 2:30pm-6:00pm. The program serves preschool children to 5th grade. The program is owned & operated by Beyond the Bell organization. There is a door bell outside the building to get into the school and the Beyond the Bell program. Staff meet parents at the door to allow access to the program. During the summer this site has been used for the BTB summer program and hours would be 6:30am to 6:00pm and they would have academics in the morning and then in the afternoon go on a field trip. Enrollment changes yearly. A playground is located next to the building.

There are 59 children enrolled in the program due to low staff. At the time of the visit there were 31 present. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the coronavirus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. At the time of the visit the program was out of ration for about 45 minutes due to a staff member calling in sick and prior to another staff showing up. The program needs to have a plan to remain in ratio for this type of situation to avoid being out of ratio.

The program has sufficient amount of toys, games and equipment for the children. The center sets up a designated table for those students that want to work on homework. The program provides the children with a variety of self-directed and group activities. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities and licensing postings need to be posted.. The Sioux City school system provides breakfast in the morning and snacks in the afternoon. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children, however they do not currently give any meds to children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills need to documented each month. Good sanitary procedures are followed. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained with the exception of the kids personal bags and coats. These were in a pile and when brought to Ms. Rosener and Ms Ramirez attention. Radon and furnace inspection were available and in normal range. Program has gone to using the Playground app to help streamline children's information.

Staff files will be reviewed at a later date as they are located at the main office.

The center has a large fenced-in playground. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. Rubber tiles surround the play equipment. Playground inspection is completed. Shade is available on the playground. They also utilize the gym when the weather is not conducive to being outside.

Goals of the program is to get steady staff and more structure activities for the children.

Strengths of the program is that staff have a good relationship with the children and their families along with the school.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Staff keep the children involved in activities.

Set up homework tables for those children who wanted to complete assignments.

Center sends information in the remind app to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

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

109.8(1)b: All staff in ratio involved with children in programming activities.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: 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's personal items need to be separated to avoid any cross contamination.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Program needs to email consultant by 12-30-23 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended 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.