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

Name of Center: Indianola Child Care-Whittier **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28270

Street: 1306 W Salem **City:** Indianola Iowa **Zip** 50125 **County:** Warren

Mailing Address: 1301 E 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA, 50125

Director's Name: Kim Post **Phone Number:** 515-961-9565

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ashley Hendrickson, Kennedy Kralik **E-Mail:** kim.post@indianola.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit:

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-13-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-07-2022

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			36	60	96
Summer				264	264

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2022 to 06-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 01-08-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The Indianola Child Care Whittier program has been in operation since June 1996. During the school year, this program offers before and after school child care to children who attend this elementary school. The majority of programming is held in the school cafeteria and gym. The center also has access to school's computer lab and playground. The preschool age children have their own classrooms. Kim Post has been the Administrative Director for Indianola Child Care since 1992. Ashley Hendrickson is the On Site Supervisor. She has served in this role since December 2013. Ashley has been employed with Indianola Child Care since 2008. Kennedy Kralik is another On Site Supervisor at Whittier.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The schedule/ lesson plan are also posted. The cafeteria has several interest areas set up for children's use.

Kennedy assisted with the visit at the center. Kim and Ashley assisted with the review of the staff and children's files. There were three staff working with school age children. Twenty two school age children were present at the time of the visit. Children were observed in the cafeteria. Three staff were working with preschool age children. There were six children in Room A, eight children in Room B and nine children in Room C. There was one staff working in each of these classrooms. Children were observed during child directed play activities. Staff were actively engaged in children's activities in all program rooms.

The center serves snack after school. Menus reflect CACFP guidelines are followed.

The school has spacious playground areas. There are a few areas the children can use. There are some climbing structures, basketball hoops, grassy areas. Rubber tile is surfacing material under climbing structures. The school maintains the playground and the center completes playground checklists.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kim has many years of experience leading the Indianola Child Care programs. ICC benefits from Kim's leadership and experience. The center has a four star QRS rating. ICC Programs are well rounded and organized. Children have large motor play activities daily. Administrative records are well maintained.

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:

Preschool child care is being added to the center's programming as on 1/1/24.

This 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 mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) 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.

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