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

Name of Center: Mother Goose Child Care & Preschool Site III **Enrollment:** 9 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30903

Street: 108 N 22nd ST **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51501 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 108 N 22nd ST, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501

Director's Name: Ardith K. and Robert Caputo **Phone Number:** 712-323-1899

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jackie Watts **E-Mail:** mothergoosechildcare@outlook.com jwattsmo3@aol.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-30-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 01-26-2022

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 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	12	10		30	52
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 09-23-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit to Mother Goose Child Care & Preschool Site II and III on 8-30-2024. Mother Goose III is located in a residential area. The center provides care to infants on the main floor and school age children in the basement area. Before and after school programming is offered for school age children, and full day programming when the children are not in school and during the summer. The hours of operation are 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. Robert and Ardith Caputo are the owners and directors of the center. Ardith received an Associate's Degree in Child Development- Business in 1968. Jackie Watts is the on-site supervisor. The center is located across the street from Mother Goose II, which provides care to toddlers, preschool age and school age children. There are 9 children enrolled in the center. Bob and Ardith Caputo celebrated fifty five years in child care in February 2022. They opened their first child care center on the farm in February 1967. This is an amazing accomplishment.

Observation of rooms:
I met Jackie Watts during my off year licensing visit on 8-30-2024. Angie had excellent interactions with the four children present in the infant room, she is nurturing and attentive to the needs of the children. She has worked at the center for many years. The room looked nice and had a fun variety of toys. The daily sheets looked good.
The school age children were at school during my licensing visit.

Nutrition:
Jackie prepares the meals. Menus were posted. Even though you aren't on the federal food program you still need to follow the CACFP guidelines. Please refer to their website for credible food selections and portions.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing was done in May 2023 and the test score was 1.7 pCi/L. Please refer to you DHHS handbook for information on future radon testing requirements as the rules have changed.
There continues to be confusion about how much bleach/water to use for sanitizing and disinfecting. On the day of my visit 8-30-2024 Jackie said she mixes the bleach/water for sanitizing and disinfecting for both buildings, Angie said she mixed the bleach/water bottles for sanitizing and disinfecting but she doesn't know how much bleach she uses. One bottle said 1/3 Cup bleach to 1 gallon water - but she doesn't mix by the gallon. The bleach/water bottles for sanitizing and disinfecting must be mixed correctly and mixed daily. Please use the three step bottle procedure for sanitizing and disinfecting - 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. If you are using bleach/water make sure the bleach is EPA approved and you must follow the mixing directions on your specific bottle of bleach/website.
Incorrect sanitizing and disinfecting has been a violation every year since 2019. Jackie and staff have been trained on sanitizing and disinfecting several times and have been referred to their specific bottle of bleach for proper mixing instructions. It is very concerning that this continues to be a violation since 2019.
I discussed some approved products that other child care centers are using for sanitizing and disinfecting (Oxivir tb, Purell Surface) that don't require mixing and the dwell times are shorter, this may be a solution your repeated sanitizing/disinfection violation. Please discuss other sanitizing/disinfecting products with your child care nurse consultant.
Make sure you have an annual fuel burning inspection - I didn't see the annual fuel burning inspections on the day of my

licensing visit.

Playground:
Bob has previously reported that the wooden structure playground piece of equipment isn't used and will be removed - at the time of my visit on 8-30-2024 the wooden playground had not been removed. The sandbox isn't used either. They only use the cement area. The playground area is fenced. Please refer to the Public Playground Safety Handbook for specific information. (Playground located across the street at site II)

Transportation:
The center has a van that provides transportation to some local schools.
The van is used for transportation for field trips, Jackie said no field trips were taken this year.
Make sure you keep a log of repairs and make sure you have a checklist/children's name that is used for when children enter the van, are dropped off and picked up from school and when they exit the van returning to the center. Please check the van seats after each transition.

Administrative records:
Jackie has NAC accreditation.
Staff files were read and record checks need completed. Jackie said the national record checks/fingerprinting were completed in March 2024 and they didn't receive the results. She said they didn't follow up to see why the record checks results weren't returned or if they were ever received. National record checks expired in 2023. Jackie reported that Brenda from Child Care Resource and Referral was coming on 9-3-2024 to complete the fingerprinting and said they would send in the fingerprints right away. All four staff needed current criminal record checks, Jackie said she would have those completed on 8-30-2024. One record check needs an evaluation, please email me the form that gives permission for the staff to work at the center.
Please send me and email letting me know the date the criminal record checks were completed and the results, and the date and results of the the national record checks.
Jackie reported that all staff will take the PITC training on Thursday nights beginning in September 2024.

Child files were read and were incomplete - files were missing current registration information - one registration packet had not been updated for three years and another for two years - registration information needs to be updated annually and when changes occur, current physicals, annual statement of health form for school age children. Review all child files and have them updated with the required information immediately.
The staff and child file form that states what is needed in the files and the timelines has been given to Jackie several times.
The school age children aren't required to have physicals, you can use the annual statement of health form signed by the parent - this has been reviewed with Jackie several times.

Make sure you have read and are knowledgeable of the Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures Handbook. I emailed the link to make a copy of the current handbook to the center and Jackie in 2023.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff are proud of the center and the care they provide. Staff are helpful during during my licensing visits.
The staff have amazing longevity of working at the center - Jackie more than 40 years, Bob and Ardith more than 50 years, Angie over fourteen years and Gabe has worked at the center several years.
Staff have excellent interactions with the children.
Jackie and Bob have received services from Child Care Resource and Referral in the past.

Jackie reported the center received a grant and new equipment will be ordered.

The center received the Stabilization Grant - Bob reported that construction will begin in mid September 2023. Mother Goose site II will be getting new tables and chairs, new rugs, new kitchen counters, the bathrooms will be remodeled and the rooms will be painted. They will look at doing the flooring. Mother Goose site III will be installing new carpet in the basement and mud jacking the side walk.
As of my visit on 8-3-2024 renovations have not started.

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

109.9(1)b All files contain:
A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check.
A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.
Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.
Copies of national criminal history check results.

Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.

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109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
109.10(1)b School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.

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109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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.
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 10-1-2023 to 10-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 8-30-2024.

Please send me an email by October 14, 2924 letting me know how the noncompliance items have been corrected.

A referral to Child Care Resource and Referral will be made for consultation and training on the following topics - sanitizing and disinfecting procedures, review of staff files requirements i.e. record checks, child files - annual registration, current physicals.

Your approved fire inspection will be due by 1-26-2025. If you have an approved fire inspection that was done after 1-26-2022 please email me a copy. Approved fire inspections are due every three years.

*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.