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

**Name of Center:** Alice's Rainbow Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 34 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25147

**Street:** 421 Melrose AVE **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52246 **County:** Johnson

**Mailing Address:** 421 Melrose AVE, Iowa City, IA, 52246

**Director's Name:** Erin Nicholson **Phone Number:** 319-354-8379

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Jennifer Robertson **E-Mail:** alicesrainbowchildcarecenters@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 11-04-2024

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-26-2023

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

**Date Inspected:** 10-22-2024

**Comments :** Does Comply.

**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 School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care X Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

| **HOURS:** | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 15 | 15 | 20 | 0 | 50 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
|---|---|
| X | **FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Heidi Brown **Date:** 11-18-2024

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

N/A

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

This worker arrived at Alice's Rainbow Child Care for an annual visit on 11/4/2024. The center provides child care for infants-preschool aged children. They are open Monday-Friday 7:00am to 5:30pm They have 34 children enrolled.

The center is located inside of two commercial buildings. The program uses five classrooms, has two kitchens, storage space and an office. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center's fire inspection was completed on 10/22/2024.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

The director is Erin Nicholson. Erin has a Bachelor's Degree in French. Erin started with the center in 2004.

The on-site supervisor is Jennifer Robertson. Jennifer started with the center in 2003.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit.

The center utilizes Creative Curriculum. The center offers walking field trips to the park.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

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

The center replaced flooring in the Sprout House.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
-Center staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level actively engaged.
-Center staff do an excellent job of ensuring careful supervision during transitions.
-Center staff have cleaning procedures in place to ensure a safe and sanitary environment.
-The center has a wide variety of age appropriate toys which they are able to rotate out.

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

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
-One staff needs ongoing professional development.

109.7(1) Required training within the first three months of employment. During their first three months of employment, all staff shall receive the following training:
a. Two hours of Iowa's training for mandatory reporting of child abuse.
c. 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. d. 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, the National Safety Council, the 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.
-One staff needs First Aid, CPR and Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse.

109.9(1) Personnel records d. A physical examination report. Personnel shall have good health as evidenced by a preemployment physical examination. Acceptable physical examinations shall be documented on Form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. The examination shall be performed within six months prior to beginning employment and shall be repeated at least every three years.
-One staff needed a current physical.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.