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

Name of Center: CFI Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 80 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27702

Street: 801 Forest Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50314 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 801 Forest Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50314

Director's Name: Samatha Harms - Kedley **Phone Number:** 515-282-2193

On-Site Supervisor(s): Stephanie Smith, Jessica Shields and Sara Rushing **E-Mail:** SamanthaH@cfiowa.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-13-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 03-13-2023

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

Date Inspected: 03-23-2022

Comments : Des Moines Fire Marshal.

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 X Other 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	16	16	70	56	158
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-14-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 3/13/23. The director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Children and Families of Iowa - Child Development Center (CFI - CDC) is located in Des Moines and overseen by a CFI Board of Directors. The center primarily serves children and families in crisis in and around the surrounding neighborhood. Children range from infants to 10 years in age. Samantha Harms - Kedley is the director of this program. Sam was previously the director at CFI Teddy Bear Town and came over to this location when that program and this program consolidated into one program. Sam has a BA degree. The on-site supervisors are Stephanie Smith, Jessica Shields, and Sara Rushing. All three have BA degrees or AA degrees and past experience working in child care.

The center is COA accredited and utilizes the Creative Learning Curriculum in their teachings. There are a total of nine classrooms and some of these classrooms are divided into two sections serving different groups of children.

During the visit, children were napping in cribs, engaged in tummy time, engaged in a large group story activity about mother animals and their babies, and engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up in classrooms. Staff were engaged with children and all of their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in CACFP (food program).

The center has a partnership with United Way.

The center has a partnership with Early Head Start. There is a bulletin board with tips for parents related to health and safety.

The center participates in QRS and is starting the process of transferring over to IQ4K which are both based on best practice.

There is an external video surveillance system in place as well as in some classrooms.

Alarms are in place on the back side doors. There is also an alarm at the main entrance.

There is a secure entrance into the building.

All children enrolled receive visual, dental, and hearing assessments.

All classrooms have direct access to the playground area.

The playground is very large and divided into different sections based on age of children.

The center employs a full-time cook.

The center has their own website where additional information can be obtained.

Most lead teachers have degrees. Some staff are involved in the T.E.A.C.H. program.

The center has good community partnerships.

A few times a year, "Super Saturday" is held where a more deep cleaning is done and staff get training hours. A cleaning crew also cleans, sanitizes, and disinfects the center several nights a week.

There is a real sense of team, teamwork, and communication among staff. There is a good mix of tenured and new staff.

The director is organized.

Within the past year, remodeling has taken place with putting in some permanent walls, restrooms, the therapy room, and offices.

Most staff are taking PBIS training.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 1
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: All children enrolled in the center, regardless of age, need to have a name, number, and addressed listed for a doctor and a dentist.

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.
Several bolts along the playground fence and gates need to be cut/capped so that no more than two threads are exposed.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.
An older lesson plan was posted at one of the two year old classroom entrances.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.
There was an issue with dry food storage not being sealed sufficiently after being opened in one of the two year old classrooms.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last tested in classrooms 2/14/23 - 2/17/23. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff in all classrooms. Radon testing can now be done every five years.

The annual boiler/furnace inspection observed was from 11/4/22.

For transportation/field trips, the center owns several buses that they transport children. These vehicles are services regularly.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The application along with payment will be sent in today, 3/13/23.

*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.