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

Name of Center: Child's View Daycare **Enrollment:** 60 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27769

Street: 118 SW State St **City:** Ankeny Iowa **Zip** 50023 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 118 SW State ST, Ankeny, IA, 50023

Director's Name: Kristin Rude (Owner) **Phone Number:** 515-681-7771

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sharyl Krasuski **E-Mail:** childsviewdaycare@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-24-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-01-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-04-2023

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Last completed by Ankeny FD.

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 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	30	12	40	50	132
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 10-24-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced full-licensing visit was completed 10-24-23. Sharyl Kraususki, director was present for the entirety of the visit.

Child's view Daycare is owned by Kristin Rude was opened in 1998. Sharyl has been the on-site director since 2003. Both meet qualifications for their positions. Hours of operation are 6:30 am- 5:300 pm. They serve infants through school age children, up to 6th grade; usually the age of ten. The center has sole-occupancy of the building, which is a single story building.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Room Observations/Activities: There are six enclosed classrooms; with classrooms for older children containing restrooms, that were clean and had necessary toiletries. The center devices curriculum with themes that coincide with seasons. The rooms were in ratio. Handwashing signs were posted in the rooms. Handwashing techniques were not observed as the children were finishing up lunch and starting rest times. The changing tables were clean and sanitized. Rooms had a variety of age/developmentally appropriate centers/toys/activities. Rooms were tidy and organized with Lesson plans posted; based on Iowa Early Learning Standards and start in the toddler classroom. This center has a secure/coded entry. Staff were involved in activities with the children. Staff were responsive to the children and maintained structure in the rooms.

Nutrition Practices: This center has an on-site kitchen and dedicated kitchen staff. Menus are devised by the director and rotated about every four weeks. They are in-line with CACFP guidelines. The center offers AM/PM Snack and lunch. Lunch is prepared and served cafeteria style while staff join as well. Menus are posted by the classrooms, parent board and in the kitchen. This kitchen is clean and organized with proper storage techniques being utilized.

Health and safety: Medications for the center are stored in an upper kitchen cabinet, inaccessible to children. Handwashing signs were posted through the center and in restrooms. First aid kits are accessible throughout the center. Emergency exit plans are posted. Tornado/Fire drills are documented having been completed monthly. Radon testing was completed 9/2022 and all rooms tested, tested below 4.0. HVAC is usually inspected annually in Sept, however new HVAC is being considered instead.

Playground: This playground is enclosed by chain-link fencing. There are play structures provide a variety of opportunity for play. Rubber/plastic coating on the larger structure on the stairs is aged and needs to be monitored to ensure sharp edges do not intensify. On the smaller structure, one of the stair steps is cracked, leaving a sharper edge, lending to increasing risk and should also be closely monitored as if this step should fail, a child could fall or incur injury. Pour in place surfacing is

throughout the playground and was just replaced. This playground is separated by fencing to keep smaller structures and larger structures from being accessible by younger children. There is a basketball hoop and ample area to use large motor skills. Playground safety checks are documented has completed monthly as required.

Transportation/Field Trips: This center has three buses, one bus capacity is 22 passenger and the other two van have a capacity of 13. The center offers transportation to and back from school. The buses are maintained by the owner and professional auto repair.

Administrative Review: Information for mandatory reporter, handbook accessibility, consultant contact, license, emergency exit plans and no-smoking signs are posted. Four child files were reviewed and found to have all required information. Four employee files were reviewed and found to have all required information. Overall the center was tidy and organized well. This center has a well-established policy.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center does not have much staff turnover for their core staff; which includes staff that have been with the center for 5-10+, 20+ years.

The staff work well together and want to provide a quality program to the children; they are also a good support to each other. The center also has a full-time cook who is a strong asset to the center and has worked at the center for over 20 years as has the site director.

The owner is very involved and invested in the center.

The staff work hard to ensure the children are ready for kindergarten. Three of the staff know sign language and teach this to the children as well.

This center has a very large school age program. Parents like not having to go to one place to pick up their school age children, and then having to go to the daycare to pick up their younger children.

The center maintains social media (Facebook) page.

The center has a secure entrance.

The owner and co-director work well together and work towards letting staff know they are valued.

The center recently replaced their surfacing with poured in place surfacing on the large playground area.

The staff have gone above and beyond, especially during the pandemic.

The center was able to take the children on field trips again this past summer, going to parks and an Iowa-Cubs game.

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

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. Rubber/plastic coating on the metal large play structure is aged and needs to be monitored for developing sharp edges etc. A step on the small play structure is cracked, nearly from side to side and could present a danger to the children if it failed; this step needs closely monitored/replaced.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every two years. The last test was completed in September of 2022 and radon levels at that time were below the 4.0 cutoff.

The furnace is inspected every fall, the last furnace inspection took place on 9/2/22; and the center is considering replacing

parts of the HVAC system so inspection has been delayed.

The menus reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines.

*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.