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

Name of Center: Shimek BASP **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24258

Street: 1400 Grissel PL **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1400 Grissel PL, Iowa City, IA, 52245

Director's Name: Elizabeth (Liz) Retikis **Phone Number:** 319-530-1413

On-Site Supervisor(s): David Henry **E-Mail:** shimekbasp@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-23-2023

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:** 01-10-2022

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

Date Inspected: 03-11-2022

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: 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				95	95
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2022 to 02-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 02-27-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Shimek BASP on 2/23/23. The center provides before/after school care. The center offers services to school aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday from 6:45am to 5:30pm. The center has 38 children enrolled. The center is located inside of Shimek Elementary School. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center's fire inspection was completed on 3/11/22.

The director is Elizabeth (Liz) Retikis. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Geology. She started in 9/2022.

The onsite supervisor is David Henry. He is going to school for a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He started in 2020.

This worker observed all program space. Children were in the gym with staff. They were able to chose from: card games, homework time, soccer, and peeler beads.

The center's curriculum involves clubs.

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

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit.

The center’s playground surface is wood mulch. The center has the following on their playground: climbing structure, slides, musical instruments, soccer fields, basketball hoops, swings, trails, and picnic tables. They also have a handicap accessible swing. Shade on the playground is provided by the trees.

The center does not offer field trips.

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

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center uses Brightwheel to help with communication.
-The center does offer a lot of child lead activities.
-The children have access to a wonderful outdoor play area.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center is inside a new gymnasium.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment) At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. 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. 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, 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. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
-One staff needs Universal Precautions, First Aid, CPR and Essentials Training.

109.9(1)b: All files contain: Copies of national criminal history check results.
-Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
-Number not in compliance: 2

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 dental: 1

109.10(16)a: The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.
-Center staff did not provide careful supervision multiple times during my visit. Staff would leave the gym and go into an office when they were expected to be in ratio. Two staff had their backs to the majority of the children. Three staff started to play a card game without children playing. This worker intervened and shared that they were expected to provide careful supervision. Two children left the classroom to get water and staff did not provide supervision. Staff did not know how many children were in their care. This worker strongly encourages the center director to have herself/staff complete supervision trainings. Information on these trainings was emailed on 2/27/23.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
-Playground inspections were not completed in 2022 or 2023.

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://idph.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.