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

Name of Center: Romper Stompers Childcare Center **Enrollment:** 25 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30322

Street: 2307 Central AVE **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52001 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 2307 Central AVE, Dubuque, IA, 52001

Director's Name: Renee Krier **Phone Number:** 563-556-1500

On-Site Supervisor(s): Breanna Krier **E-Mail:** krier2006@live.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-28-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-01-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-12-2022

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 X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	9	12	24	9	54
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-18-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 3/28/25. The center owner and director, Renee Krier, was not present on site for this visit. Breanna Krier is the approved on site supervisor and was present along with other staff. This center is for profit and is one of two centers owned by Renee Krier. Renee describes her experience as an in-home provider for 12 years prior to opening this center as well as additional ongoing training. The center did not operate for a short time and resumed operation on 10/2/24 now serving children age six weeks through five years. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

Program rooms include: yellow room (three through five years years) , green room (12 months through 23 months, not in use on the day of the visit), blue room (two years), and red room (zero through 12 months). Program rooms included an adequate supply of materials. Program rooms and supplies were generally well organized. All children at the center have to travel to use the restroom area which is located at one end of the center in a hallway adjacent to the blue room. The exception is the blue room which does include an adjacent restroom area that includes a toilet and hand washing sink and wall mounted diapering station. There is a wall diapering station in one of the hallway restroom areas as well. The red, green, and blue rooms include a diapering station within the room as well. All program rooms include a hand washing sink.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves snack, lunch, and snack. All meals are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. The kitchen area was again observed to be clean, very organized, and food storage was done well.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The owner/center director has many years of experience as a registered day care home provider, and the on site supervisor also now has several years of experience managing the family owned centers. This center is organized and is well managed. The center continues to work with the local CCRR consultant and regularly seeks out advice and consultation. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities and appeared to work well together in all program rooms. Children's crafts and projects were on display throughout the center. Daily notes are provided to parents for all children at the center including school age children. Child and staff files and other required licensing documentation were found to be organized.

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

109.9(4): Daily written records are maintained for each child under two years of age and include time periods slept, amount of/time food consumed, time/irregularities of elimination patterns, general disposition, and general summary of activities.
1. Ensure daily records are being completed for all infants and include the general summary of activities for the child.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is reminded regarding the updated rules regarding combining different age groupings of children and what is

allowed and when. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with six year old children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance with this moving forward.

1. Ensure kitchen door remains closed at all times.
2. Yellow room needs more light at rest time. This was reviewed with the on site supervisor.
3. Ensure food and food service items are only set on surfaces that are non-porous and that have been properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior.
4. Repair corner of wood decking material in the outdoor play area.

The center will continue with a full license. Please correct the item(s) cited and address the concerns noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response.

*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.