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

Name of Center: Tracey For Tots 2 **Enrollment:** 62 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49699

Street: 2 Hartford Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2 Hartford Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50315

Director's Name: Jamicha Tracey **Phone Number:** 515-282-8681

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jahzinga Tracey **E-Mail:** traceyfortots@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-31-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-19-2024

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

Date Inspected: 03-03-2023

Comments : Fire Inspections are due at least every three years/ DSM 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 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	45	21	39		105
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 06-10-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed 5/31/24. The Director was present throughout the visit.

Permission to open was given to this center on 2/28/2018. Tracey for Tots 2 is family owned and operated. This is their second center to open, the first center is in Johnston and opened in 2015. Tracey for Tots 2 serves children aged 6 weeks to age 5. They will have a six year old in their program only if it is a sibling group. The hours of operation are from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm.

In April, they moved to a new location on Hartford Ave. The building was used as a child care center previously and is an old elementary school building. There are four main rooms used for child care, all enclosed.

Jamicha Tracey is the Director for the center. Jamicha has several years of experience working in child care, both in-homes and centers. Jamicha has been working on a degree related to child care. Jamicha is also the director at the other center, Tracey for Tots, however is spending the majority of her time at this new center. Jahzinga Tracey is listed as the on-site supervisor. Jahzinga has a BA degree in Sports Administration and several years of experience working in the child care field.

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: The center creates their own lesson plans and curriculum, using a combination of curriculums found on-line. They use soapy water and bleach for cleaning/sanitation. Staff are in ratio and maintained good structure in the classrooms. The classrooms have a variety of centers and toys to offer. The rooms are clean and nicely organized. Handwashing posters are hung.

Nutrition Practices: There is an on-site kitchen and dedicated kitchen staff. The center is enrolled on the CACFP food program and menus are inline with this program as well. The kitchen was clean and nicely organized. Menus were posted. Meals/snacks are served cafeteria style.

Health/Safety: if medication were to be required; it would be securely stored in the directors office. Handwashing signs are posted as required. First aid kits are available. Tornado/Fire plans and diagrams are posted as required. Emergency drills are documented to have been completed monthly. Radon testing was completed 5/13/23 and all test results were below 4.0, thereby not due again for five years. HVAC was inspected 6/6/23.

Playground: Safety checks had been documented as completed; This playground is enclosed with chain link fencing and offers natural shade. Surfacing is wood chips.

Transportation/Field Trip: NA

Administrative Review: Fliers for mandatory reporting; handbook, consultant contact, license and non-smoking signs were posted. There were two child files reviewed and contained all required information; Two employee files reviewed needed National (FBI/Fingerprint) checks to be completed; CPR/First aid to be completed and needing a signed employee/volunteer/substitute statement signed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a secure entrance.

The center has received positive feedback from families since opening.

The core staff at the center work well together and are invested in providing quality care.

The Director emphasizes communication not only between staff, but also between staff and families. The Director works with staff individually and as a group to discuss strengths and needs.

The director shows staff they are appreciated and will provide food for staff and give small gifts.

The director continues to work hard to make the new location homey and clean. The classrooms are large with a good layout and natural light from tall windows. The staff take pride in their classrooms.

The director put together All About Me binders for each preschool child.

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

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1
*One employee needs a completed National Criminal Background check completed (FBI/Fingerprints)

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 1
*One staff needs to complete CPR/First Aid training and the director indicated this would be scheduled ASAP.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is a part of the food program and is following the guidelines for the CACFP. The menus reflect the center is following the CACFP requirements.

The center has created a disaster kit as well as a disaster/evacuation plan.

Radon testing is now required every five years if testing is under the 4.0 cutoff. The center recently conducted radon testing and the kits have been sent in for processing.

Just the week prior to the visit in May 2023; a car ran into the back of the building, going through a wall. The city has been out and the landlord and the wall has plywood up, the city has said they can use the classroom (the two year old classroom) and the landlord will repair the wall. Plywood continues to shore up the wall while the landlord is working to find the necessary replacement items (bricks).

*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.