

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

Name of Center: Bear Creek Kids Campus **Enrollment:** 14 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52146

Street: 1090 Jackson ST **City:** Brooklyn **Iowa** **Zip** 52211 **County:** Poweshiek

Mailing Address: PO Box 357, Brooklyn, IA, 52211

Director's Name: Leah Bauman **Phone Number:** 641-990-4663

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** cathy.essick@bcecares.com
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Date(s) of Visit: 10-10-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 05-02-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **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: X **Year-round** **School-Year** **Summer Only**

HOURS: Year-round School-Year Summer Only

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				75	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 05-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

Date: 10-31-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Bear Creek Kids Campus opened in May 2023. The center currently operates in Brooklyn Elementary. The center uses the library, cafeteria, gym and playground for programming areas. The school has secured entrances. The owners of the daycare are Shane and Susan Sissel. The center serves school age children at this time. The director is Leah Bauman. Leah was a teacher prior to becoming director at the daycare.

An unannounced visit was completed on 10/10/23. All areas subject to DHHS rules were reviewed. The center was missing some mandatory postings. The center had a daily schedule available. The center has age appropriate supplies and toys for school age children. The supplies are kept in the school library.

Leah assisted with today's visit. One additional staff was working today. There were nine children present. Children were observed on the playground and in the library. Children were playing large motor activities on the playground. In the library, children were doing homework. After homework, children were doing art activities and playing games. Staff were assisting the children with their homework. Staff also played games with the children.

The center serves snack after school. During the summer, the school was a free breakfast and lunch site so children could eat those meals or bring those own lunches. The center provides snacks. Some of the snacks the center is providing don't meet CACFP guidelines. Leah said she will make changes to the snack menu.

The center uses the school's playground. There are climbing structures, basketball hoops and grass areas. There is rubber mulch for fall surfacing and concrete areas. The center hasn't completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has spacious programming space for the children.

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

109.4(3)a: Postings are required for: The certificate of license. Notice of exposure to communicable disease. Notice of decision to deny, suspend, or revoke center license or reduce to provisional status. All postings shall be conspicuously placed at main entrance of center.

The Permission To Open Letter was not posted nor available.

109.4(3)b: Postings are required for: Mandatory reporter requirements. Notice of availability of handbook. Program activities. These shall be posted in area frequented by parents or public. Some mandatory postings were not posted or available.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year. Tornado and fire drills haven't been completed since June.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept. Playground inspections haven't been documented.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks. Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted. Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking. Some snacks being served don't meet CACFP requirements.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

The importance of correcting the violations found during the licensing visit and compliance with Child Care Licensing Rules was discussed. All DHHS Licensing Rules were sent prior to the licensing visit. A pre licensing visit was completed on 5/8/23. Leah was not present for that meeting but DHHS assumed Leah was provided all the information. Leah said she wasn't familiar with some of the information but she will become familiar DHHS Child Care Licensing Rules and ensure the violations are corrected. This worker sent an email to Leah. that contains a lot of licensing information. Leah said she will reach out to this worker and also her CCR&R consultant with questions.

*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.