



<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 01-01-2018 to 01-01-2020
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCACTION</b> of license

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Date: 02-15-2017

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

N/A

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

I arrived at the center on 2/6/17 for an unannounced off year visit. I met with the director, Becky Bloome. The director started in 2015. She has a Bachelor's of Science Degree. The center is located inside of an elementary school.

This classroom was for infants-one year old child. There were 7 children to 2 staff. I observed staff rocking and feeding an infant a bottle. Several children were asleep in their cribs. The center followed safe sleep standards. Staff also had a child engaged on the activity mat.

This classroom was for children ages 2-4 years. There were 21 children to 5 staff. I observed the children napping. Staff were observed completing Essentials Training and Mandatory Reporter on tablets. Staff were also observed providing careful supervision.

This classroom was for 4 year old children. There were 17 children to 2 staff. I observed the children and staff singing several songs. I then observed the children working on the "Letter P" worksheet.

Each classroom had an age appropriate curriculum posted. Lesson plans were appropriate which included: active and quiet times, large-group activities, small group activities and time to play alone or with others, indoor and outdoor play times, and time for children to select their own activities and teacher directed activities. A wide variety of toys, educational games, puzzles, and books were available to the children to utilize. They were all in good condition. The environment was clean and well maintained. Classrooms were decorated with educational materials that were age appropriate.

**Nutrition Practices:**

The center chooses not to participate in the CACFP Program. Food preparation and storage procedures were consistent with NHSPS. The centers had thermometers in all refrigerators and freezers. The school provides the center with breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center rotates their menu monthly. Each child was served a nutritionally balanced meal and snack as defined by CACFP guidelines.

**Health and Safety:**

Medications are stored in original containers with physician/pharmacist directions and label intact. Medications are inaccessible to public and the center is able to provide documentation of medication given. Staff and children were observed hand washing and they followed recommendations from the IDPH for appropriate hand washing. All first aid supplies recommended by the IDPH were available in the centers first aid kits. Tornado and Fire Drills were practiced and documented once a month as required. Radon testing had been completed. The school and center is geothermal. Sanitary procedures were in place for diapering/assisting with toilet training.

**Playground:**

The center has a newly installed outdoor play area on school grounds specifically designed for preschool age children. The area is fenced with tall chain link fence. Shade is provided by the building and the storage shed. The area features large, anchored, metal/plastic climbing and activity toys. It also contains benches, basketball hoops and a swing set. The entire

play area is surfaced with rubber matting. Children also use riding toys on the rubber matting surface. Riding toys are available but kept in a nearby shed.

#### Field Trips and Transportation:

The center chooses to offer field trips within walking distance. The center chooses to not leave the campus for field trips. Transportation would only be provided in an emergency situation.

#### Administrative Records:

The following postings were available on the date of my visit: Mandatory Reporter, Handbook Availability, Consultant Contact, License, Emergency Procedures for fire and tornado, and no smoking signs. Reviewed 8/111 children. Policies and procedures were not reviewed as it was an off year visit.

### **III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center classrooms are nicely decorated and welcoming to those who enter.

The center works regularly with Child Care Resource and Referral to ensure they understand DHS rules/regulations.

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

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that:(1) Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

-Children file folders were stored on top of a table. These could fall and injure a child. The center was encouraged to move them or secure them.

-White out, rubber cement and lens cleaner was accessible. These must be stored inaccessible to the children.

-Staff purses were accessible to the children. For more information on the hazard of purses visit

[http://www.ncpoisoncenter.org/workfiles/Poison%20Purse\\_compressed.pdf](http://www.ncpoisoncenter.org/workfiles/Poison%20Purse_compressed.pdf)

-The center has choking hazards accessible to the children. For information on choking hazard safety visit:

<http://www.nationwidechildrens.org/choking-hazard-safety>

-The center is using room dividers (cubicles) that specially state, "Do not use for room dividers."

-Infant room staff are climbing over cubicles to attend to non mobile infants. This worker is concerned that if a staff were to fall over these cubicles they may fall and injure themselves or a child. A gate was or another room arrangement was recommended.

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.

-One child file did not have sufficient information to secure emergency medical or dental services.

109.9(3) Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.

-Two immunization records were not signed and dated.

109.10(1)a Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

-Five physicals were not up to date. These must be completed annually.

109.10(3)a All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.

-Nonprescription medications were not labeled with the child's first and last name. If the medication belongs to the center it must be labeled, "Center." If the medication belongs to staff it must be labeled, "Staff." Nonprescription medications include sunscreens, prescription lotions/lip balms, diaper ointments, insect repellent, etc. For information on medication administration visit: <http://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/products>

### **V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

\*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (563

-263-9302 or hbrown@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

\*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.

I encourage you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: <http://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

I encourage you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: [http://www.iowaccrr.org/who\\_we\\_are/region\\_5/](http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5/)

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