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

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Liberty **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36246

Street: 1623 Rebecca ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51103 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: PO Box 2129, Sioux City, IA, 51104

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews **Phone Number:** 712-277-3600

On-Site Supervisor(s): Roxanna Dacros **E-Mail:** jandrews@siouxlandship.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-15-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-05-2021

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

Date Inspected: 07-28-2022

Comments :

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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				314	314
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-17-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 11-15-23 and spoke with lead worker Yolanda Casas. Roxanna Dacros is the new onsite supervisor for this site. Ms Dacros has several years of experience working with children and oversees several BTB sites.. Ms Dacros was not present at the time of the visit so visited with Yolanda Casas lead staff member. Beyond the Bell Liberty is an before/after school program located in Liberty Elementary School. The program utilizes the lunchroom and the gym. The program is operated by the Beyond the Bell organization Monday 6:30am to 8:30am & 2:30pm to 6pm, Tuesday through Friday 6:30am to 8:30am & 3:30pm to 6pm. If they use this site for summer program then it would operate 6:30am to 6pm. The summer program rotates to different schools designated by the school. There is a buzzer outside the building to get into the school and the Beyond the Bell program. Staff meet people at the door to gain access to the program.

There are 30 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit only 19 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground/gym observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The before/after school program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. The program started using the Playground App this year to help with administration duties.

The program divides the children up into two groups in the afternoon depending on their numbers for the day; PK to 2nd grade and 3rd to 5th grade and rotate them through the gym and lunchroom. The program has centers stored in totes in their storage area and set up different ones each day at tables throughout the lunchroom. The program has following activities/centers that they children can utilize: art, books, games, crafts, computers, puzzles and legos. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. The program had sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children.

Staff files will be reviewed at a later date as they are housed at the main office.

The school system provides breakfast, snacks and milk. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Center currently does not administer any medication. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills need to be documented each month. Children's books, coat's and personal items need to be separated and not in a pile. Program areas appear well maintained and free of any observable health or safety hazards. Radon and Furnace inspection was not available at the time of the visit.

The center has a large fenced-in playground that they share with Liberty elementary school. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. Cushion squares surround the play equipment. Monthly playground inspection was completed. Shade is available on the playground. . They also utilize the large gym.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
School bus, however they have not done any field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

The program is well organized.

Availability of enrichment classes with school teachers to improve academic skills.

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

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Program needs to email consultant by 12-15-23 confirming that all aspects that are below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.