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

Name of Center: ChildServe Iowa City Day Health Center **Enrollment:** 22 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50235

Street: 2350 Oakdale Blvd **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 5406 Merle Hay RD, Johnston, IA, 50131

Director's Name: Barb Williams **Phone Number:** 319-351-5437

On-Site Supervisor(s): Carlee Nelsen **E-Mail:** barbwil@childserve.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-30-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 11-08-2024

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

Date Inspected: 12-08-2023

Comments : Does comply.

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.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care X 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		7	21	14	42
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2025 to 01-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 01-09-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at ChildServe Iowa City Day Health Center - 50235 on 12/30/2024 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 12/8/2023. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center serves 2-6 year old children. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are Mon-Thurs 7:30-5:30 and Fri 7:30-5:00. Their current enrollment is 22.

The director is Barb Williams. She started with ChildServe in 1998. She has a Bachelor's degree in Human Services.

The on-site supervisor is Carlee Nelsen. She started in 6/2024.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center is located in a commercial building. The center has 3 classrooms, a gym, office spaces, therapy areas and a kitchen area. The center has a gym with swings, slides, monkey bars, crash pads, rock walls They are working on there outdoor play area, It is currently a fenced in grassy area. Children can play with balls, hula hoops, bubbles, etc.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. What meals and snacks do you provide? Do parents provide any? Parents are required to bring their child lunches every day along with preferred snacks. We provide supplemental food such as canned veggies, fruit cups, goldfish, pretzels, veggie straws, Motts fruit snacks, cheese its, 2% milk, apple juice, chicken nuggets.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed.

The center does communicate with parents via the Playground App, in person conversations and notes. The center’s curriculum is The STAR Program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center provides specialized care for young children with Autism.
-The center coordinates with the following services in house: Speech, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Food Therapy and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA).
-The center uses Playground for open parent communication.
-The center's practice is to have a ratio of one to three.

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

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
-One child file needed an annual update.

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

-A broken toilet bowl lid needs repaired.
-The laundry room was unlocked leaving cleaning supplies accessible to children.
-The center is encouraged to use carabiner hooks on the outdoor playground exits.
-Temperature in the building needs to be maintained. Heating: Children cannot participate appropriately in activities or rest comfortably if they are cold. The temperature should be monitored by means of a thermometer. When caring for children under the age of five, the temperature at floor level should be monitored. The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers has established comfort levels for heating and cooling, taking both health and comfort into consideration. Based on the recommendations of the Society, rooms should be maintained at a temperature of 65-75 degrees Fahrenheit when the outdoor temperature falls below 65 degrees Fahrenheit.
Cooling: Likewise, children cannot participate appropriately in activities or rest comfortably if they are too warm. Children, especially infants, are also susceptible to heat exposure during unusually warm days. The temperature should be monitored with a thermometer. When caring for children under the age of five, the temperature should be monitored at floor level to ensure that it is not too cool or warm for young children and that they are properly dressed relative to the temperature. When the outdoor temperature rises above 82 degrees Fahrenheit, the room temperature should be cooled to between 68-72 degrees Fahrenheit. If air conditioning is not available, all program and dining rooms used by children should have the air circulated by fans whenever the temperature in the room exceeds 82 degrees Fahrenheit.

109.15(4)a: Written policies developed for food brought from home for children under five years of age not enrolled in school and is provided to parent at admission. Food brought from home for children under five years of age not enrolled in school is monitored and supplemented if necessary to ensure CACFP guidelines maintained.
-Several of the children are on specialized diets that may not meet the CACFP requirements. The center needs to develop a policy that explains CACFP requirements to the parents/guardians. If children under the age of five years of age not enrolled in school do not have meals/snacks that are credible they will be supplemented or a Diet Modification form will need to be completed: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/174%20Diet%20Mod.pdf
-Director is encouraged to review: https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/cacfp/crediting-handbook

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period. As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf

This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year. This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center's CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings. Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center's CCNC consultant visit: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

*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.