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

Name of Center: Alice's Rainbow Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 35 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25147

Street: 421 Melrose AVE **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52246 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 421 Melrose AVE, Iowa City, IA, 52246

Director's Name: Erin Nicholson **Phone Number:** 319-354-8379

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jennifer Robertson **E-Mail:** alicesrainbowchildcarecenters@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-01-2023

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:** 07-26-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-06-2023

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: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age 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	15	15	20	0	50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 08-02-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Alice's Rainbow Child Care Center on 8/1/2023. The center provides childcare for infants-school aged children. The center is open from 7:00am to 5:30pm.

The center has 35 children enrolled. The center is located inside of two buildings. The center is nonprofit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/6/2023.

The director is Erin Nicholson. Erin has a Bachelor's Degree in French. Erin started with the center in 2004.

The on-site supervisor is Jennifer Robertson. Jennifer started with the center in 2003.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion. The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed.

The center uses Creative Curriculum The center offers walking field trips to the park.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
-Center staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level actively engaged.
-Center staff do an excellent job of ensuring careful supervision during transitions.
-Center staff have cleaning procedures in place to ensure a safe and sanitary environment.
-The center has a wide variety of age appropriate toys which they are able to rotate out.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an

equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
-Two staff need First Aid and CPR.
-Two staff need Mandatory Reporter Training.
-One staff needs Universal Precautions and Essentials.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Secure shelves in both entryways to prevent tipping.
-The center needs a new changing table. Changing tables need to have impervious, nonabsorbent, smooth surfaces that do not trap soil and are easily disinfected.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.