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

Name of Center: Beyond The Bell-Leeds **Enrollment:** 29 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30163

Street: 3919 Jefferson **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51108 **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): Veronica Ramirez **E-Mail:** jandrews@siouxlandship.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-28-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-04-2022

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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				90	90
Summer				250	250

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 10-03-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 09-28-23 and spoke with Jenny Martinez lead worker and Penny Ford as new onsite supervisor Veronica Ramirez was not present. Ms. Ramirez has been a onsite supervisor for the Beyond the Bell program for several years. Ms. Ramirez is also onsite supervisor for several other BTB sites. The program is operated by the Beyond the Bell organization. Jenna Andrews is the director.

Leeds BTB is located in the Leeds elementary school. Due to lower numbers the program uses an empty kindergarten classroom. They also will utilize the gym and the cafeteria at various times during the school year. The building is locked, however, with the location of the kindergarten classroom parents are buzzed in and bring their child into the room and sign them in on the playground application. During the school year they serve pre-school to school age children Monday through Friday 6:30am to 8:30am & 3:30pm to 6:00pm, except on Monday afternoon's 2:30pm to 6:00pm.

There are 29 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit only 18 children were present before school. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of kindergarten classroom, observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, 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. Due to low staff program did not open until 09-06-23. On or around 09-19-22 the program had moved into a preschool classroom and with this school year the were moved to a kindergarten classroom which has the capacity of 20 kids. The Program has started using the playground application to assist in administration functions. The playground app helps in going paperless as well as improves communication with parents. The after school program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children.

Staff files will be reviewed at the program central office at a later date and any issues identified will be addressed at that time. A random selection of child files found each reviewed file contained all required forms and contact information.

Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children. The program may take field trips which the program gets individual permission related to that field trip and then the children take the city bus for the field trip. However, at this time they have not done any field trips. Some of the children eat breakfast prior to school. The center uses the school playground for outside play. The playground has climbing equipment and basketball area. Surfacing is rubber squares. First aid is complete. Radon and annual furnace inspection was not available at the time of the visit.

Snacks are provided through the Sioux City Central kitchen. The program is on the CACPF program and monthly snack menu needs to be posted. The program is not currently giving any children medication as they get it from the school nurse or at home prior to entering the program. They do have a dietary modification that they follow if needed.

Goals of the program is to more staff and to continue to work with students to continue to get to know them.

Strengths of the program good relationship with the parents and families they serve as well as with the school.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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

Staff interact with the children in a positive manner.

Program has 4 stars on the QRS evaluation our of 5.

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

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, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance 2

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:

The center needs to email consultant by 10-31-23 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been completed.

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.