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

Name of Center: Grandma's House Daycare **Enrollment:** 107 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 3057

Street: 1335 E Washington ST **City:** Clarinda Iowa **Zip** 51632 **County:** Page

Mailing Address: 1335 E Washington ST, Clarinda, IA, 51632

Director's Name: Bobbi Whitehill **Phone Number:** 712-542-5502

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** bobbiw@ghdc-clarinda.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-07-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 09-21-2021

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: X 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	19	32	38	28	117
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-13-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Grandma's House Daycare on 4-7-2023. The center is a white building located in the Clarinda Early Childhood Center. The center opened on 2-14-2005. The center is a non profit organization and is owned by the board. Bobbi Whitehill became the director in April 2020. She was previously the interim director and on-site supervisor, she has been employed at the center for 11 years.
Child care services are offered to children six weeks to preschool age 5:30 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday.
107 children are enrolled.
I met with Bobbi Whitehill during my visit.

Observation of rooms:
All program rooms were in ratio. The rooms looked nice and had a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Grandma's House School Age Program opened at the Clarinda Elementary School on 2-24-2021.
Children were having fun playing, having story time, and eating lunch. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were attentive to the needs of the children. The children's fun art work was displayed.
The daily sheets looked good, they are on the Brightwheel app.
All rooms had excellent lesson plans/activities. The center uses Creative Curriculum.

Nutrition:
The center is on the federal food program. There is a cook on site that prepares breakfast, lunch and snack. The center utilizes the Omaha Food Bank. Menus were posted.

Health and safety:
The center follows the medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication. The first aid kits were properly stocked. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Six radon tests were done in June 2021, all test scores were under a 4.0 pCi/L, they will be completing the radon testing soon. The building has electric appliances.
Staff are responsible for cleaning their rooms. Oxivir TB is used for sanitizing and disinfecting the diaper changing tables. Bleach/water is used for sanitizing toys.

Playground:
The playground area is fenced. There is one large piece of equipment for children two years and older. The surfacing is padded tiles. There is a cement area for riding toys. Monthly playground safety inspections were completed.
The center in in the process of fixing a slab of concrete/fence pole and gate.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services. Walking field trips are taken to the park, library, recycling center, livestock auction, Lied Center, and car museum.

Administrative records:

Staff files were read and were in excellent order. Twenty two staff are employed at the center.
Child files were read and were in excellent order.
The center has their emergency preparedness policies and procedures.
Staff meetings are held monthly.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Bobbi Whitehill does an excellent job as the director, she is always so positive and enthusiastic about the center.
The center is an excellent resource for the community.
The center receives grants for equipment and supplies. Fundraising events are held throughout the year.
The center has an active board. They have incentives for the employees to complete training etc.
The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) level II, they will be applying for the IQ4K program soon.
Grandma's House School Age Program opened at the Clarinda Elementary School on 2-24-2021.
The center began using the Brightwheel app.
A new tv was installed in the preschool room for activities.
The center received a defibrillator.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 2-1-2023 to 2-1-2025.

*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.