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

Name of Center: Crittenton Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 217 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52401

Street: 601 12th ST SW **City:** Le Mars Iowa **Zip** 51031 **County:** Plymouth

Mailing Address: 1724 Geneva ST, Sioux City, IA, 51103

Director's Name: Erika Fuentes & Nicki Rolling **Phone Number:** 712-574-0459

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** efuentes@crittentoncenter.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-20-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-19-2023

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

Date Inspected: 12-12-2023

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 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	52	24	109	32	217
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-02-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 03-27-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was made to Crittenton Child Development Childcare Center on 03-27-24 where I met with center director
Erika Fuentes. Crittenton Child Development Childcare Center is in a former childcare center that they took over on January 2, 2024. Ms. Fuentes oversees other childcare programs of the Crittenton Center for many years. Nicki Rolling is co-director currently part-time and will become full director in May 2024. Ms. Rolling has her BA in Elementary Education and is currently a preschool teacher for the last 4 years.

This program is located in a building that used to be a childcare center. The facility has 12 classrooms. The center provides programming for ages 6 weeks to school age. Hours of the program are Monday thru Friday 5:30am to 6:00pm. Capacity is 217.

There are currently 106 children enrolled in the center. At the time of the visit there were 42 children present. The daycare has 2 infant rooms(under age 1year old), 2 - 1yr old rooms, 2- 2 yr rooms, 2- 3yr old room, 4/5yr room, and a school age room. They had a couple of rooms that were still empty. The program uses Creative Curriculum.

The program is currently is only using one of the two infant rooms due to lower numbers and updating/painting the other room. Currently birth to one year old infant are in one room and an open layout. When the other room is ready they will have a mover and non-mover infant rooms. All of the cribs have solid barrier ends to help reduce disease transmission, and some of the cribs have stronger frames and larger wheels to serve as evacuation cribs. The center uses the Playground App. to where infant daily sheets are maintained and documented. Good interactions were observed with all staff being down on the floor interacting with the children or otherwise attending to their needs. A good variety of toys and materials were present and observed to be in good repair.

The two 1 years old rooms had sufficient amount of toys for the children to play with. Observed staff having good communication with the children and giving them direction and assisting them with tasks. Also observed the children getting ready for lunch.

The two and three year old rooms also have sufficient toys and equipment and age appropriate. The four to five year old classroom was observed to be clean with a good design layout. who attend a preschool program or headstart within the community that the school transports to and from the daycare. The school age program also was observed to be clean with a good design layout. At the time of the visit the school agers
were at school so the room was empty.

NUTRITION:
The program gets their lunches from the LeMars Community School who deliver the meals. The program makes breakfast and snacks onsite. The kitchen is equipped to meet the requirements necessary for a childcare center. Meals are then portioned out for service in a lunch room area to where all the children ages 1year and up eat all meals. Food items are stored in a main storage area, as well as limited supplies in classrooms. In addition to the main refrigerators in the storage

area each of the classrooms also have a small refrigerator present. Food storage practices were good. Meals are served in the lunchroom with the teachers sitting with the children to provide supervision and model good eating habits. The center does follow the CACFP guidelines but is not currently on the food program. The program does plan on applying for the food program. A menu is posted that indicates a good variety of nutritious meal options.

HEALTH & SAFETY:
The center does have established policies and procedures regarding the authorization, administration, documentation, and storage of medications. The center uses both formal medication administration forms for prescription and non-prescription medications. Medications are stored in lock boxes in areas that are not readily accessible to the children or the public, however, at this time no child is in need of any medication. First aid kits were present in each classroom and generally stocked with supplies sufficient to address common first aid needs. Kits are stored in areas where they are readily available but not accessible to the children. Good sanitation policies and procedures have been established for the center with staff directed to provide supervision in bathrooms and assisting the children as needed. Policies and schedules are in place for regular cleaning of equipment and play materials. Inspection certificates for the fire marshal, and a carbon monoxide detector were current and present in the center. Radon testing needed to be completed. Furnace, emergency drills, and playground inspections also need to be completed. Emergency drills and playground inspections need to be completed monthly.

PLAYGROUND:
The playground area is adjacent to the building. The playground will be redone this spring. The surfacing was wood chips, however, need to have more or replaced with different surfacing material as the underlining shows through out the playground. The program plans to put in new climbing equipment with appropriate surfacing this spring. There are two playgrounds, one for older children and one for two and under. Both playgrounds will be updated. The program also plans to install some permanent shade structures as well. The program is aware of the playground needing updated to avoid any safety hazards. Program will contact consultant when playground has been updated.

Pet:
The program has a dog that is the mascot of the center. The dog is not at the center on a daily basis but intermittently. The program has policies and documentation of the pet's health records. The program has made parents aware of the dog who may be occasionally at the center. The program needs to make sure that the dog is supervised at all times when in the center and that the dog has it's own bathroom area outside of the building that children do not have access to.

TRANSPORTATION:
The center has two vans and will engage in offsite activities and field trips, however, at this time with moving into the building they have not
transported since moving into center. Parents will provide a general release at the time of enrollment for any field trips. Center
has vehicle maintenance logs for the 12 person vans. The school bus does transport children to and from preschool, headstart and schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS:
The center staff and parent handbooks have been reviewed and found to contain all required policies. Emergency preparedness policies need to be completed. Staff files will be reviewed at a later date as they are at the main office.

Goals of the program is to get on the IQ4K and food program, update playground(looking at rubber squared for surfacing), and to add 2 shade structures.
monies.

Ms. Fuentes feels the strengths of the program are that staff are commitment to quality childcare and that staff interact well with the children and have developed a good relationship with the children and families that they serve. Also, for director Nicki Rolling's being at the program full-time.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Toys are at children's level and accessible.

Center displays children's art work in the rooms.

Good room arrangement throughout the center.

Center uses the Playground App to communicate with families and what is going on in the program.

Very positive interaction with the children

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: Information was missing.

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: 3

109.10(15)a: The center shall have written emergency plans and diagrams for responding to fire, tornado, flood, and plans responding to intoxicated parents, and lost or abducted children.Shall have guidelines for responding or evacuating in case of blizzards, power failures, bomb threats, chemical spills, or other disasters that could create structural damage to the center or pose health hazards.If center is within 10 miles of nuclear power plant, center shall have evacuation plan. Emergency plans shall include written procedures including plans for- Evacuation to safely leave the facility- Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation- Shelter in place to take immediate shelter when the current location is unsafe to leave due to the emergency issue- Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation- Communication and reunification with parents or other adults Responsible for the children which includes emergency telephone numbers- Continuity of operations- To address the individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is in transition with the purchase of the building and opening in January 2024 as well as doing updates of the building. It is recommended that the program continue to work with CCRR for support. It is also recommended to update the HHS childcare binder.

The program will email consultant by 05-01-24 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

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.