

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

**Name of Center:** Inertia Boys and Girls Center Inc **Enrollment:** 100 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 20215

**Street:** 1128 Fulton **City:** Keokuk **Iowa Zip:** 52632 **County:** Lee

**Mailing Address:** 1128 Fulton St, Keokuk, IA, 52632

**Director's Name:** Sarah Scott **Phone Number:** 319-524-5060

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Jay Scott **E-Mail:** joe@inertiacenter.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 04-14-2017

**Licensing Visit**      X      **Unannounced Visit**      X      **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**      **State**      X      **Local**      NA      **Is Fire Inspection Approved?**      X      Yes      No      NA

**Date Inspected:** 09-16-2016

**Comments :** conducted by Keokuk Fire Department Edward H. Lowe, due annually, was overdue the date of the visit and not provided to the center until 4/28/2017

**LICENSE TYPE:** X **Child Care**      **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

**Financial Type:** X Profit      Non-Profit      NA

**Accreditation:** 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

<b>HOURS:</b>	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
<b>LICENSE CAPACITY</b>	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	12	30	36	86
Summer					0

**QRS Rating:** N/A

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 06-01-2016 to 05-01-2018
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCAION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Jill Seibert

Date: 05-01-2017

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

On 4/14/17 I made an unannounced off year visit to Inertia Boys and Girls Center, Inc., and met with Director Sarah Scott and other staff members. At the time of the visit, staff was actively engaged in providing the child care program to the children. Inertia Boys and Girls Center, Inc., is located in a very large commercial building that was formerly a grocery store in a residential area of Keokuk. The center was founded in November, 2004 to provide Child care services to the Tri State Area of IA, IL, and MO.

The Inertia Center is located at 1128 Fulton St. Keokuk, IA. The center is owned and operated by Inertia Boys and Girls Center, Inc., a private, for profit corporation owned and operated by Sarah and Jay Scott. Joseph and Jacqueline Scott, other family members formerly owned the business. The director is Sarah Scott. Ms. Scott has a AA from Southeastern Community College, 20 years in child care total. She has 9 years of in home child care experience, and 4 years of experience as director of Inertia Center. Onsite supervisors are Joe (Jay) Scott and Laura Ellingboe. The center has gradually expanded and improved the building and the outdoor play area to accommodate increasing enrollment.

The date of the visit all program areas were observed.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center sends a quarterly newsletter to parents.

The center provides dental screening and fluoride varnish services to the children in cooperation with Lee County Public Health Department.

The Keokuk Fire Department visits the center and provides a fire safety program to preschool age children.

The building is sprayed for pests annually.

The Center purchased a neighboring lot 3 years ago. They would like to put a garden here.

The center has had regular contact with IPDH and CCR&R this past year.

The center is working toward a level 3 for QRS, beginning next March.

The center reports being audited recently by CACFP with good results.

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

1. 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. 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. The fire inspection was not present the date of the visit. The report was held until an approved fire inspection was submitted. Large play equipment is wearing and is showing signs of use with cracks. Mulch is low in some places. Steaks holding down the border should be tamped down so they are level and may not be potential hazards.

2. 109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.

Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant. No co-sleeping shall be allowed. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

Children should be placed in cribs prior to sleep. One infant was asleep on the floor on a boppy pillow. The child was asleep with a bib and a blanket on. Some crib sheets are not tight fitting. We discussed these matters.

## **V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

\*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 641-684-3949; email [jseiber@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:jseiber@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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