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

Name of Center: Sugarbabys Childcare **Enrollment:** 18 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51633

Street: 919 W 4th St **City:** Waterloo Iowa **Zip** 50702 **County:** Black Hawk

Mailing Address: 919 W 4th ST, Waterloo, IA, 50702

Director's Name: Renita Johnson **Phone Number:** 319-233-1268

On-Site Supervisor(s): Renita Johnson **E-Mail:** sugarbabychildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-04-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** X **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: 10-19-2021

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit Non-Profit X 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	8	10	21	6	45
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2021 to 02-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 01-23-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 01/04/23 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Sugarbaby's Childcare in Waterloo. I met with Renita Johnson, the director and owner of the facility. Ms. Johnson has a BA in a non-child related field. She was a registered childcare provider out of her home for many years. There are four staff members employed by the program.

The program operates out of a free-standing building. The program was given permission to open on 11/01/21. The center operates Monday through Friday from 4:30 am until 5:00 pm. It serves one-year-olds through school-aged children. There are currently eighteen children enrolled.

Previously the center only had access to part of the building, but they now have access to the entire building. This has allowed the center to have bigger classrooms. The additional space has increased the capacity of the center to 45 children. The rooms are decorated with posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. The rooms are nicely decorated with several centers that are clearly labeled.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, blocks, table toys, games, computers, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, sensory items, puppets, woodworking, writing, math, science/discovery, magnets and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level, so they were easily accessible to the children.

The center uses a variety of resources to develop lesson plans for the children. A lesson plan was available for review the day of the visit.

There is a phone in the office and emergency phone numbers with the center's address and phone number were posted in each room. Add the center's phone number to the posting in the two-year-old room. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the main program doors and outdoor exits. A daily schedule was posted for each room.

There are three bathrooms in the center with one toilet and one sink each. Handwashing procedures were posted in each location. There are two diaper changing tables in the center and procedures were posted.

Mats and cots are used to nap. They are being sanitized daily.

There is a first-aid kit in the hallway.

The program has a small fenced in area in the parking lot behind the center. There is no equipment over 18 inches in fall height so fall surfacing is not required. However, the area is on concrete, and I would recommend fall surfacing of some type. Additionally, I recommend purchasing some type of barriers to put around the fenced in area so that vehicles cannot get near the area where the playground is located. This is an additional safety precaution since the area is in a parking lot. I

would recommend planning for a more secure playground area as the center has expanded. Ms. Johnson states she plans to improve this area.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. A radon test was completed last year but Ms. Johnson states she never received the results back. She was going to check with the company. If you cannot receive the results you will have to repeat the test in each program room. The fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was present and is in the hallway near the old office. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 10/19/21.

The center does participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The program provides breakfast, lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. Ms. Johnson uses a two-month rotation of menus. Ms. Johnson is the cook. She prepares the hot meals at home and brings them to the center with her. She has a crockpot, air fryer, microwave and a food warmer at the center. Disposable products are used. The three-step method is used if dishes need to be washed. Ms. Johnson has a shelf in each room that holds the plates, cups, silverware and paper towels. Ms. Johnson also has a miniature fridge for water in each room.

I observed the kitchen. There is a small refrigerator in the kitchen and two standard refrigerators in the pantry. Thermometers were present. There were crackers and chips in the pantry that were not stored according to the NHSPS guidelines. Once a food item is opened it must be stored in a sealed metal, plastic or glass container and be dated. Most products were stored appropriately so this will not be cited.

The center is using bleach to sanitize the food tables and disinfect the changing tables. Make sure bleach is kept out of the reach of children.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the previous entrance. Move the parent board to the new entrance for the center. The childcare consultant and the handbook availability poster, mandatory reporter poster and the license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

Staff members were observed to have great interaction with the children. Staff members maintained positive conversation with the children and interacted with them at their level. Staff members provided the children with praise and encouraged the children to try new things. Child friendly music was playing. Staff members kept the children entertained. The children seemed to enjoy and feel comfortable in the program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ms. Johnson states the center provides stability to children and they are always there for their families.

Ms. Johnson states she is looking to expand her enrollment. They have moved to larger classrooms and may add infants (under the age of 18 months) in the future.

The program has a Quality Rating System (QRS) level of 1 that expires on 02/28/24.

The program is a bus stop for school-aged children.

The rooms are nicely decorated and centers are clearly labeled.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

An administrative change is being made to add infants to the ages of children being served. The capacity is being increased to 45 children. The room that will be used for children under the age of two has a capacity of 8 children. The two-year-old room has a capacity of 10 children. There are two preschool rooms; one has the capacity of 10 children and the other has the capacity of 7 children. There is also a computer room in the middle of the building that can accommodate 7 children. There is a school-aged room (and possible future infant room) that has a capacity of 6 children. The program is capped at

45 children due to the number of toilets and sinks.

*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.