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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Romper Room Childcare Center

Provider No.: 52006

Address: 1275 Main ST, Dubuque, IA, 52001

County: Dubuque

Director's Name: Renee Krier

On-Site Supervisor: Tricia Montgomery

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HHS Visit Date: 09/29/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2024 to 12/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/09/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	25	19	26	32	102
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 9/29/25. This center is one of two centers that are for profit and are owned and operated by Renee Krier. Renee is the center director for both centers, and she and other staff were present including the approved on site supervisor, Tricia Montgomery. It is noted that Tricia is the lead staff for the youngest infant room. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center includes program rooms on all three levels of the building. Program rooms on the lowest level of the building include: Orange room (school age) and purple room (three/four years). Program rooms on the middle level of the building include: Green room (12 months through 23 months) and red room (six weeks through 12 months). Program rooms on the highest level of the building include: Blue room (two years) and yellow room (two and a half through three years). All rooms include hand washing sink(s) within the room and water bottle filler stations or food/bottle preparation sink for drinking water. All rooms include adjacent restroom areas with toilet(s) and sink(s) except for the orange and red rooms. Children in the red room are not yet using the toilet. Children from the orange room do have to travel to the hallway restroom area to use the restroom. Red, green, and blue rooms include diaper station(s) within the program room as well.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. All meals are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area by designated kitchen staff. The kitchen area appears very clean and organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center is owned and operated by an experienced center owner/director. The building has been remodeled extensively to meet child care center requirements. Program rooms are bright with windows, are colorfully decorated, and are spacious. Children's crafts and projects are posted. The kitchen area is large and includes commercial grade equipment for food preparation, food service, and dish washing activities. Licensing documentation were found to be organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.12(4)b: Each infant and toddler shall be diapered in a sanitary manner as frequently as needed at a central diapering area. Diapering, sanitation, and hand-washing procedures shall be posted and implemented in every diapering area. There shall be at least one changing table for every 15 infants.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

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1. Review diaper changing procedures with staff. Staff shall get out just the materials needed for the diaper change before starting (not the entire container of wipes), and staff shall wash hands when completed, after cleaning the diaper station.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was again reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children (six years and older) unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Emergency plan postings are needed on both sides of the door between the purple and orange rooms as this is an exit pathway for each room.
2. Label diaper waste can in the green room for this material only.
3. Ensure staff training required certifications are completed timely.
4. Some organization of staff files is needed especially for larger files.

The center will continue with a full license. Please correct the item(s) cited and address the concerns noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 10/24/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.