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

Name of Center: Southeast Webster Grand Daycare **Enrollment:** 59 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 17940

Street: 104 2nd ST NW **City:** Dayton Iowa **Zip** 50530 **County:** Webster

Mailing Address: 104 2nd ST NW, Dayton, IA, 50530

Director's Name: Sara Stevens **Phone Number:** 515-547-2200

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** sstevens@svjags.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-18-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-30-2021

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 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	25		45	27	97
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2022 to 06-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury **Date:** 05-24-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was made to the Southeast Webster Daycare on 05-18-23 where I met with center director Sara Stevens. Sara has been the director of this program since 2012 and has obtained her CDA. The program is located in a wing of the Dayton Elementary school which completed construction in 2016. The program is overseen by the school district and operated as a non-profit center. The program serves infants through school age children year round. There are currently 59 children enrolled in the program served by 6 staff. All areas of the program subject to licensing standards were reviewed during this visit.

The overall design and layout of the building and each room remains the same as in prior visits. Each room was observed to be in good condition with no issues related to maintenance. Each room has direct secondary egress from the classroom. All exits were clear of obstruction and opened easily and freely. Each room has large windows which provide ample natural lighting and views of the outdoors. The windows in two of the classrooms are fitted with steel storm shutters and serve as tornado shelters. Each room has toilets and sinks directly accessible from the classroom, and additional sinks in the classrooms to facilitate hand washing. The classroom used for the preschool age children is divided by mobile panel dividers to establish the formal preschool programming area from the daycare programming. This area is increased during the school year, and decreased during the summer.

Each room is has a variety of activity centers created through the placement of furniture, shelving, and play structures. The centers are arranged so that they provide the children with ample room to move and play and which do not create any blind areas. The toys and materials present were in good repair and appropriate to the ages of the children. A copy of the daily schedule was posted but a copy of the planned curriculum was not. It is noted that the day of the visit was also the last day for the formal preschool program and the center was preparing for changing to summer programming. Good interactions were observed with the staff in each classroom being engaged with the children and attending to their needs. Ratio was maintained in the center as required by age. One issue that was reviewed was with the preschool class which did an off-site visit to a local market to obtain supplies for a last day activity. The class had 8 children with 1 teacher, but when leaving for the off-site activity Licensing Standards does require that ratio plus one additional staff member is in place when there are more than 5 children involved in the activity.

Good health and safety practices were generally observed during the visit. I was able to observe a diaper change and staff did follow the required procedures but did not de-glove between handling soiled and clean diapers. Safe sleep issues were also observed in the infant room. One child under 1 year of age was observed to be sleeping in a crib where a blanket had been hung over the railing. While the blanket was not in the crib with the child safe sleep would also require that it not be left on the railing. It was also noted that a child had a weighted sleep sack and again while the child was not wearing the sleep sack it was reviewed that in the absence of a medical note identifying it as necessary sleep modification would also be prohibited. Over the counter medications were labeled with the name of the person to whom it belonged. Information regarding children with diagnosed allergies was posted in classrooms and included copies of the allergy response plans. Chemical cleaners, purses, and other items that are labeled as "Keep Out Of The Reach Of Children", or which may pose a safety risk to children were stored in areas that are not accessible to children. Good cleaning practices were observed in the classrooms. Hand washing practices were mixed with some teachers ensuring that the children did wash their hands as

required such as following restroom use, but when in the infant room staff did not wash the children's hands immediately before providing a snack.

Meals are prepared by the school cafeteria when the school is in operation and prepared by the daycare staff in the school kitchen during the summer and days school is closed. Meals are served in the classrooms. A limited supply of food items are kept in the classroom and food storage practices do need to be reviewed as some food items were not stored in air tight sealable food grade containers once the original packaging seal had been broken. It was discussed that all foods regardless of intended for child consumption or not must be properly stored to reduce the risk of being an attractant to insects/rodents, and spoilage. Good food handling practices were observed with meals being pre-portioned and served in the classrooms using measured scoops. While the teachers did not eat with the children they did provide supervision at the tables.

The playground space used by the center is located in an interior courtyard bordered by the building on 3 sides and fenced on the forth. Climbing structures and other equipment have been installed with foam tiles used for fall surfacing. There is also a grassy play area, and paved area where the children can play. Several semi mature trees and the climbing structure provide shade. The equipment was observed to be in good repair. A shed was present where additional toys and materials were stored.

All required notices were posted in an area readily accessible and visible to all parents and visitors. In reviewing child and staff files the center does maintain both a hard copy and electronic system, Bright Wheel. A random selection of 17 child files were reviewed and of those all but 4 needed an updated physical. All staff files were reviewed and 3 needed a current physical, 2 needed updated 1st Aid/CPR, and 1 had not completed the training required within the first 90 days of employment. All required inspection logs and certificates were available and current. The center handbooks have been previously reviewed and found to contain all required written policies.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center does have 1st Aid/CPR training planned for all staff to be provided in June. The center will also have a training on security for all staff.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
-- Number not in compliance: 3

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
-- Number not in compliance: 3

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
-- Number not in compliance: 2

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: 13

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 or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.
-- Items including blankets shall not be attached, draped on rails, or hung over cribs when child are sleeping. If modified sleeping aids such as positioners, weighted blankets/sleep sacks, etc. are to be used these shall be accompanied by written instruction from the child's medical provide identifying the medical need, prescribed manner, and duration of use.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves.Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.
-- All food items regardless of intended for child consumption or not shall be placed in air tight sealable food grade containers once the original packaging seal has been broken. Thermometers are required in all refrigeration/freezer units to ensure that proper cold holding temperatures are maintained.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license will remain in effect at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying a plan of action to correct and maintain those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. 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.