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

Name of Center: Clive Children's Center I Enrollment: 99 License ID No. 27705

(Reapplications)

Street: 8250 Harbach Blvd City: Clive Iowa Zip 50325 County: Polk

Mailing Address: 8250 Harbach Blvd, Clive, IA, 50325

**Director's Name:** Carissa Barajas **Phone Number:** 515-223-8989

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ashlyn Starbeck E-Mail: director@clivecenter1.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 02-06-2018

X Licensing Visit X Unannounced Visit Off Year Visit Administrative Change

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X Re-Application NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X Yes No NA Date Signed: 01-02-2018

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

**Date Inspected:** 10-02-2017

**Comments:** Clive Fire Marshal.

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

Financial Type: X Profit 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 16 24 36 23 99 Summer 0

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| X                           | <b>FULL</b> license from 03-01-2018 to 03-01-2020 |
|                             | PROVISIONAL license from                          |
|                             | <b>DENIAL</b> of initial application              |
|                             | SUSPENSION of license                             |
|                             | REVOCATION of license                             |

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper Date: 02-07-2018

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

N/A.

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

A licensing visit was conducted on 2/6/18. The Director and the Director of Operations were present for the majority of this visit.

All areas of the program were observed (with the exception of the playground up close due to recent snow). These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Clive Children's Center is one of several centers owned by Bonnie and Robert Netteland. The center is located in a renovated, two-level home in Clive, IA. The center serves children ages six weeks in age to roughly 12 years in age and they use the Creative Learning Curriculum as well as their own curriculum in their teachings of children.

Carissa Barajas is the director at this center. Carissa has her CDA and has worked for the company for several years. Carissa was previously an on-site supervisor at the other Clive Children's Center. Ashlyn Starbeck is the on-site supervisor at this center. Ashlyn has worked for the company for several years and has taken trainings in order to meet the qualifications for on-site supervisor.

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

All of the Tradition Centers and both Clive Children Centers are under the same ownership. The centers share the same handbooks and staff too if needed.

The directors of all of the above centers have monthly meetings as do all on-site supervisors. Monthly all-staff meetings are also held at this center.

The center has a secure entrance. Families have a code they enter to gain access and all other visitors ring a doorbell. Families and staff also use the Pro-Care electronic system for signing into/out of the center.

Staff pictures are posted near the main entrance.

The annual child update form used by the center is often times used by this consultant as an example for other centers to utilize.

Enrollment remains steady.

The center is a QRS Level 4 and applying for Level 5 in the near future.

Some of the playground as again been renovated within the past year.

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

109.10(15)d: Daily checks to ensure all exits are unobstructed.

In the two year old classroom, a child was napping on a cot and blocking an exit.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. 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.

There was a dangling cord to a CD/radio player in the infant room that needs to be more securely fastened to the wall, tucked behind other equipment, or moved to a different area.

It was too dark in the four/five year old classroom in the lower level classroom during nap time. A curtain should be kept open to better be able to see children.

The bus needs to be cleaned and swept out.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Vanilla wafers are not considered a credible food item. This food can be served as an extra, but doesn't count as a credible snack item.

#### V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The link to center reports was emailed to the director on 2/7/18. Centers are now responsible for printing out their own licensing reports.

Radon testing is due every two years and was last tested 1/26/18 - 1/29/18. The center is awaiting results. Classrooms need to come back at levels below 4.0. The last tests from 1/2016 passed.

The annual furnace inspection was completed on 8/26/17.

The director should call pest control again to address some issues with mice the center has recently experienced this winter. It was noted that the director has recently done so and some repairs have been done to the exterior of the building.

One child immunization needs to be transferred over to a State Of Iowa approved form.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your consultant at 515-725-2654 or email nkneppe@dhs.state.ia.us so that we may discuss the issue. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report.

\*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.

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