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

Name of Center: Sumner Daycare and Learning Center, Inc **Enrollment:** 76 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51936

Street: 308 N. Railroad St. **City:** Sumner Iowa **Zip** 50674 **County:** Bremer

Mailing Address: 308 N. Railroad St., Sumner, IA, 50674

Director's Name: Jonathan Rader **Phone Number:** 563-578-5222

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jonathan Rader **E-Mail:** sumnerdaycare.director@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-16-2025

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

Date Inspected: 10-14-2024

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	21	21	46	16	104
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2024 to 09-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 08-11-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 07/16/25 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Sumner Daycare and Learning Center in Sumner. I met with Stephanie Duhrkopf, the center business administrator. Ms. Duhrkopf started with the center is April 2025 and is working toward becoming the director. Jonathon Rader is the new interim director. He started at the program two years ago and has an AA in an unrelated field. The center employs 19 staff members and several volunteers.

The program moved to a newly constructed center in October 2024. The daycare operates year-round. It is a non-profit. The center was given permission to open without a license on 09/06/22. The program operates from 5:30 am until 5:30 pm Monday through Friday and serves infants through school-age children. There are currently 76 children enrolled.

The program operates out of five rooms: an infant room, two-years-old room, three-year-old room a four and five-year-old room and a school-age room. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with the children's art projects, and posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet and numbers. There is an area for circle time. The rooms were within ratio during my visit.

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

In the four and five-year-old room a staff member's purse was on the counter which is in reach of the children. Also, personal belongings must be stored out of the reach of the children.

There are two bathrooms in each of the classrooms for children aged two and older. Each bathroom has one toilet and one sink. There is a staff bathroom in the infant room with one toilet and one sink. There are two sinks in each of the classrooms. Handwashing procedures were posted in all locations. There are two changing tables in the infant room and one changing table in the two-year-old and three-year-old rooms. Diaper changing procedures were posted in most locations. You must post them near the changing table in the three-year-old room. There was not a pattern of disregard so this will not be cited.

The center uses a variety of resources to develop lesson plans, but it is based on the Creative Curriculum. Activities are based on themes. Lesson plans were available for review in each room.

The program uses the Brightwheel app to communicate with parents and to complete the daily sheets for the children under the age of two. The app is also used for the parents to check the children in and out of the program. Staff members send pictures of the children to parents through the app during the day.

Staff members communicate with two-way radios. The emergency numbers and the center's address and phone number were posted in the classrooms. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by all the

main program doors and outdoor exits throughout the center. A daily schedule was posted in most rooms. Please post them in the four and five-year-old room.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. You need to practice the fire and tornado drills on separate dates. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. A radon test was completed in May 2025 and must be repeated in five years. Results were within EPA guidelines. The program has a new furnace that has been inspected and no concerns were noted. Carbon monoxide detectors are part of the new fire safety system installed throughout the center on the ceilings. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 10/14/24.

The program is currently not on the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) but they are working toward getting on it. The CACFP guidelines are being followed. Jonathan Rader is the cook. He has completed the SevSafe class. The center serves breakfast, lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. Mr. Rader states he makes a new breakfast, lunch and morning snack every month. The afternoon snack is repeated but they serve different juices. Menus were available for review and allergies were posted. Family style is not used.

In the infant room the center provides one brand of formula, baby food and cereal. If the parents want a different brand, they must provide it. Feeding schedules were posted. Staff members wash the bottles in the infant room using the three step method.

The kitchen was observed to be clean and organized. The center has two industrial dishwashers. They also have three sinks available to use the three-step method if necessary. The program has two refrigerators and two upright freezers. There were thermometers present. There is also a refrigerator in the infant room and thermometers were present. Food items were stored according to NHSPS guidelines.

The program uses Hillyard Sanitizer to sanitize the food tables and disinfect the changing tables. The product bottle states this can be used as both a sanitizer and disinfectant. As a sanitizer it has a one minute dwell time. As a disinfectant this product has a ten minute dwell time. Ten minutes is a substantial dwell time when staff members are trying to complete diaper changes.

I observed or discussed diaper changes with staff members. In the two and three-year-old rooms the staff members wipe the disinfectant off right away. The disinfectant must sit on the changing table for the required product dwell time, which for the Hillyard product is ten minutes.

Medication boxes are in the classrooms. The directions on Tylenol and similar products, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen, state that a doctor’s note is required to give the dosage for children under 24 months old. If these items are used in the infant room they must be accompanied by a doctor’s note. There is Tylenol in the infant room that did not have a doctor’s note and should not be given until one is received.

Cribs and cots are used in the infant room and cots are used to nap in the rooms for the older children.

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

The program has a fenced-in natural playground for the older children. There is a stationary train, a playhouse, riding toys, and a sand area. There is a bench for children to rest. There are trees outside of the fence for shade.

There is a second fenced-in natural playground area for the infants. There are riding toys, a playhouse and a small ramp/bridge. There is a picnic table available. The center is putting up a tarp for shade.

Staff members were amazing with the children. I observed the staff members to be attentive and actively engaged with the children. There was child friendly music playing in the rooms. Staff members sat on the floor with the children as they played and introduced them to activities. They were engaged in conversation with the children and used play to teach the children about colors and counting. Staff members modeled good manners. They encouraged the children to share and play together. They provided the children with praise and used positive redirection when necessary. Staff members kept the children entertained. In the infant room staff members displayed good teamwork and provided the children with a good routine. The school-age staff member had a great relationship with the children and they responded accordingly. She talked with the children about communicating with one another. In the three-year-old room the lead teacher keeps a Positive Goal Chart. When the classroom reaches ten on the chart the classroom will have a disco party. In the two-year-old room the lead is working with the children on potty training. The children appeared to enjoy their time at the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ms. Duhrkopf states the staff members one hundred percent care about the children. Staff members cheer the children on and encourage them.

Ms. Duhrkopf states the staff members are independent and do their best.

Ms. Duhrkopf states staff members ae comfortable asking for help and being open and honest. They are one big team.

The center is in a secure building and there are cameras in the classrooms.

The center provides parents with a monthly newsletter.

Ms. Duhrkopf states senior citizens from Cobblestone visit the center once each week to do activities with the children.

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This center has a terrific board who have always stepped up to help and keep the center going.

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

109.10(1): Medications: The center shall have written procedures for dispensing, storage, and authorization, and recording of all prescription and non-prescription medications.Staff must be over 18 to administer medication.All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.Staff shall not provide medications to a child if pre-service/orientation training for medication management has not been completed.
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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.
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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 remove Lesley Mohlis as the on-site supervisor. She is leaving employment at the center. Stephanie Duhrkopf will continue handling administrative duties and will take over as director when she has enough points.

An administrative change is also being made to change the center hours to 5:30 am until 5:30 pm.

*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.