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

Name of Center: Unity Point Childcare **Enrollment:** 41 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51929

Street: 2720 Stone Park Blvd **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51104 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2720 Stone Park BLVD, Sioux City, IA, 51104

Director's Name: Shannon Finch **Phone Number:** 712-279-3579

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** Shannon.Finch@unitypoint.org

Date(s) of Visit: 06-11-2024

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 08-11-2022

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

Date Inspected: 07-24-2023

Comments :

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 School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	23	13	19		55
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 06-18-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was made to center on 06-11-24 where I met with director Shannon Finch. Shannon has a two year degree in Early Childhood and 11 years working in childcare centers. Ms. Finch started as director 02-03-23. The program opened
08-15-22 in a space remodeled specially for childcare in the Unity Point Hospital. The program provides childcare from 6 weeks to age 5. Once a child goes into kindergarten then they have graduated from the center. The center is licensed for a capacity of 55 children. Hours of the center is 6:30am to 7:30pm Monday thru Friday. The program primarily serves hospital staff.

There are 41 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 20 children present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in cleaning toys daily that children use.

The program has 5 rooms. They are currently using 4 of the 5 rooms. Each room was observed to be clean with no issues due to maintenance. Sinks are located in the classrooms to facilitate hand washing. Each room is arranged so that there are no blind areas and the children have ample room to move and play in activity centers. The toys and materials present were appropriate to the ages of the children present in the classrooms and are new. Each room has a daily schedule on a white board, and should also be posted at the door. Program uses Creative curriculum. The program also uses the Playground app to help streamline administrative duties.

The playground is a fenced in area with a new playground equipment with rubber squares for surfacing. There is a grassy area for the children to run and play. Center has shade. Monthly playground inspections were completed. Radon testing was also completed. Thwere program is all electric so yearly furnance inspection is not required. Emergency fire and tornado drills were completed. The center handbooks contain all required policies.

The two infant room have sufficient amount of toys and equipment in the room. Children have access to a changing table and sink. The 6 weeks to 6 month room has a sink for bottling prepping and one for hand washing. Daily sheets of diaper, feeding, and nap time as well as any communication with parents are documented on the playground app.

Meals are provided by Unity Point Hospital. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted in an area visible to parents. Although the center follows the CACFP they are currently not on the food program. The program offers, breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as an afternoon snack. The center has a kitchenette to meal prep for the children and the children eat their meals in their room. Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Good food storage practices were observed.

Medication is stored in a lock box. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating.
However, the center needs to wash water bottles daily. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills

need to be documented each month. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

The center does not transport.

Goals of the center are to get on the IQ4K program, more staff as two recently left, new infant/toddler playground.

Strengths of the program is they feel have a good core staff who work well as a team as well as good relationship with the families that they serve. They also have staff who do PRN who will come in either for extra help or if staff need time off.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program has the support and collaboration with CCRR.

The program uses Creative curriculum.

The program uses Playground when communicating with parents as well as administrative duties.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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.
The program needs to ensure that water bottles are washed daily.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The program director will email consultant by 07-30-24 confirming that all items that fall below standards have been corrected.

It is recommended for the director to continue working with CCRR for support.

A full license is recommended at this time.

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.