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

Name of Center: Sugar Babies Academy **Enrollment:** 25 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51827

Street: 2550 73rd ST **City:** Urbandale Iowa **Zip** 50322 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2550 73rd ST, Urbandale, IA, 50322

Director's Name: Korea Elliston **Phone Number:** 515-270-0253

On-Site Supervisor(s): Angelique Hilson **E-Mail:** lenaearku@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-12-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-19-2022

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

Date Inspected: 04-26-2022

Comments : Urbandale Fire Marshal. The center will most likely move to the State Fire Marshal for their next inspection. Per licensing, fire marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	10	16	9	0	35
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 07-12-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 7/12/23. The owner and the director were both= present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. 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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Sugar Babies Academy is a newer center in Urbandale, IA that was given permission to open on 6/1/22. The center serves children year-round ages six weeks through age five years of age using their own learning curriculum that is based off of other learning curriculums. Drop in services are available. The center would prefer at least a 24 hour notice to ensure services for drop in care are available. There are a total of three classrooms. The infant room has a capacity of 10 children. The two/three year old classroom has a capacity of 16 children. The four/five year old classroom has a capacity of nine children.

Lenae Arku is the owner of this center. Korea Elliston is the director of this center. Korea has an AA degree in Business Administration and a BA in Life and Spiritual Coaching. Korea also has past experience working in child care. Angelique Hilson is the on-site supervisor of this program. Angelique has an AS degree as well as past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were observed in large group activities in all three classrooms that were being facilitated by staff. Later, children were observed eating lunch. Children stated and were observed washing their hands before and after lunch.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a new center that meets a growing need in the community. Enrollment remains steady.

There are drop in services available.

The center was very clean and had good lighting throughout.

Weekly individual staff meetings are held and monthly all-staff meetings are held.

The center works with their CCR&R consultant as needed.

There is a good mix of tenured and newer staff.

Paperwork was more organized and complete at this year's visit.

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

109.8(2)b: Combinations of age groupings for children between 3 and 5 years of age may be allowed with a staff of 1 to every 12 children.
At one point, there was an eight year old child mixed in with the two and three year old children. THIS ISSUE WAS CORRECTED DURING THE VISIT.

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: 1 staff person who has worked at the center for roughly one month did not have a physical on file. This person stated they would be able to get a physical this week.

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
There was one expired epipen.

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips.
All first-aid kits should be labeled "first-aid".

109.12(4): Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
Children's bedding should not be touching each other and should be kept separate from one another.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
Some items on the weekly food menu were not considered credible per CACFP guidelines. Three credible food items are needed for breakfast, two are needed for snacks, and all five food groups are needed for lunches. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

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.
There was one issue with dry food storage in the kitchen area. Food not entirely consumed should be stored in sealed containers such as a plastic container or zip lock type bag.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing will be conducted this upcoming weekend in the three classrooms. If all classrooms come back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual fuel burning appliance inspection/HVAC equipment was last completed on 12/31/22.

The center is not yet taking field trips outside of walking distance. In the event they do, at this time, they plan to use their own personal vehicles. Ratios will need to be maintained, first-aid kits will be needed in vehicles, and children's emergency contacts will also be needed. No Smoking signs will also need to be posted in all vehicles.

At last year's visit, it was noted that the center will have to add an Access Policy to their written staff handbook. This was not checked at this year's visit, but another Access Policy was emailed to the center after the visit concluded.

Two sample medication documentation/parent authorization forms were emailed to the center after the visit concluded.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

Diapering procedures should be posted in the extra restroom.

*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.