

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 06-01-2019 to 06-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew

Date: 07-31-2020

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A visit was made to the Project Youth Jungle Kidz program on 06-05-20 where I visited with now director Julie Van De Kamp. Julie is a co-director with a sister program, Project Youth Daycare Generations, and Generations 2. Julie has been working at the center since 2017 and has been experience working with children since 2015. The program is located in the lower level of the Faith Reformed Church. There are currently 30 children enrolled in the center.

There are 30 children enrolled in the program, however, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, their numbers are low and only 24 children were present at the time of the visit. 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. Given the current corona-virus pandemic, a significant amount of time was spent on discussing how the center is coping and managing during this unprecedented and stressful time. The center is following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families during this time. Several families have made the decision to keep their children home with them, especially if the parent is working from home. The center has been cleaning toys daily that children use. It is encouraged for the center to clean the outside playground toys as well as keep kids blankets at the center. The center did apply for the PPP grant and the DHS survey grant.

The center was observed to be clean with no safety concerns noted due to maintenance. The center is looking at building a new center and merging with their sister site Project Youth Generations and Project Youth G2. This new site is in the early stages but is hopeful to have new building completed in late 2021 or 2022.. The center playground had a shaded area and cement surfacing for the playground.

The center has the following areas throughout the rooms for the children to explore and learn: books, blocks, toys, puzzles, art and kitchen. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathroom and sinks. Displayed throughout the room were children's art work, alphabet, shapes and numbers.

Observed staff playing with the children throughout the day, assisting children with activities, sitting at tables with the children during meals, encouraging children to eat and reading stories to the children.

In reviewing classrooms each had a variety of toys and materials that were generally appropriate to the ages of the children present.

Goals of the center are to have staff do more training's beyond what is required of them annually. In hiring staff the center uses Indeed app. New building for their center.

Strengths of the center are that staff have good communication with the children and families.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center continues working to make several changes and improvements to the program. The playground was to be expanded but did not go through due to the center now building a new site.

Center is back on QRS and is at a level 2 out of 5.

The center looks for grants for new toys and equipment.

Center is working hard with communication since COVID with parents, via Facebook, and a phone app.

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

none

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license will remain in effect 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.