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

Name of Center: Sonshine Station Preschool **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30182

Street: 5601 Sunnybrook DR **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 5601 Sunnybrook DR, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Julie Perryman **Phone Number:** 712-224-5611

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** sonshinestationpreschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-07-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-08-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-29-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			48		48
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 5

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-07-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Sonshine Station Preschool on 02-07-23 and spoke with Emily Stephas lead teacher as Sharayah Lidgett director resigned. In August 2022 Julie Perryman became director. Julie has been with the program since 2014 and has her Associates Degree in psychology and art. Ms Perryman was not present at the time of the visit. Sonshine Station Preschool is located in a wing of the Sunnybrook Community Church that was built specifically for preschool. They utilize two rooms in the church. The program providing morning preschool when they have provided afternoon last being in 2020. Hours of operations this school year is Monday through Friday 9:00am-11:30am for TK-ages 5/6. Monday, Wednesday, Friday for 4year old preschool and Tuesday/Thursday 3 year old preschool.

There are 40 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit 5 TK children were present. The other class was cancelled for the day due to staff being sick. There are 8 TK, 19 (4/5 yr olds) in the Monday, Weds, and Friday, and 13 (3/4 yr olds)Tuesday/Thursday class.. 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. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, and children's artwork and the alphabet. The center utilizes Creative Curriculum and Theme based. The center follows the Sioux City School District for weather related early out or closures.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Nutritious snacks are usually brought by parents each week. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition, although they are not currently on the food program.

Center does not administer medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon tests was not available at the time of the visit. Annual heating inspection also was not available at the time of the visit. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

The center has a fenced-in playground adjacent to the church. When they are unable to get outside they just stay in the classroom but can utilize a room in the church for large motor activities. There is shade on the playground. Wood chips are spread throughout the play area. The center does not transport the children.

Goals of the center are to update their playground with new climbing structure and surfacing.

Strengths are that the center staff work well as a team and enjoy working with the children. The children also has lots of choices of activities in the classroom.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center has a QRS(Quality Rating System) rating of five stars out of five.

Center sends home a newsletter each month as well as email parents to inform them of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

Picture schedule of daily activities for the children.

Very positive interaction with the children.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
Staff trainings need to be completed within 90 days of hire. One staff is missing their essential trainings.

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: 2

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: Information was missing

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended to update the Licensing Binder yearly.

Please email consultant by 03-12-23 confirming that all aspects have been corrected.

A full license is recommended.

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.