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

**Name of Center:** Fun In The Son Daycare & Preschool **Enrollment:** 84 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 22102

**Street:** 109 E Railroad **City:** Fredericksburg Iowa **Zip** 50630 **County:** Chickasaw

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 336, Fredericksburg, IA, 50630

**Director's Name:** Janiece Kramer **Phone Number:** 563-237-6117

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Sarah Aries **E-Mail:** funinthesonkids@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 05-08-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 04-01-2024

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

**Date Inspected:** 04-17-2024

**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 X Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

| **HOURS:** | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | 15 | 14 | 28 | 15 | 72 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 1

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Becky Frost **Date:** 05-16-2024

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

N/A

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

On 05/08/24 I made an unannounced licensing visit to Fun in the Son Day Care & Preschool in Fredericksburg. I met with Janiece Kramer, the director and lead preschool teacher. Ms. Kramer has a BA in elementary education and early childhood development. She has been at the center since June 1997. Sarah Aries is the on-site supervisor. There are twelve staff members employed by the center.

The center is in a free-standing building. The center is affiliated with St. Paul's Lutheran church. The program operates Monday through Friday from 5:00 am until 6:00 pm and serves infants through school-age children. The program offers a three-year-old preschool program and a four and five-year-old preschool program. The three-year-old preschool program is on Monday and Wednesday and there is a morning session from 8:05 to 10:45 am and an afternoon session from 12:05 to 2:45 pm. The four and five-year-old preschool program offers a morning session from 8:05 to 11:45 am and an afternoon session from 11:15 am until 2:55 pm on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Ms. Kramer is the lead preschool teacher. There are 84 children enrolled in the center.

The program utilizes the following classrooms: infants (six weeks-18 months), 18 months through younger three-year-old classroom, three through five-year-old childcare room and a preschool/school-age room. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows are available to provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with the children's art projects. The rooms are decorated with posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. The children's birthdays were posted. There is an area for circle time.

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

The center uses a variety of resources to make lesson plans, but most often use Making Learning Fun. The preschool program uses the Creative Curriculum and Handwriting Without Tears. There were activity calendars posted on each door. Lesson plans were available for review. The program partners with Keystone AEA to assist children with identified needs.

There was a phone with emergency numbers with the center's address and phone number in the classrooms. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the main program doors and outdoor exits throughout the center. A daily schedule was posted in the entrance and in the classrooms.

The program participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The center provides the children with breakfast, lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. The children eat in their rooms. Menus were posted. The program uses a five-week rotation of menus. Thermometers were present in the refrigerator and freezer. There is a dishwasher and three sinks available to use the three-step method to wash and sanitize dishes. Food items were stored according to NHSPS guidelines. There is a chest freezer in the storage room and a thermometer was present. Family style is not used.

Ms. Aries or Bobbi Skoda cook.

The center provides one brand of formula, baby food and cereal. If parents want a different brand, they must provide it. Bottles are sent to the kitchen to be washed and sanitized.

There is a refrigerator in each room and thermometers were present.

The center uses bleach and water to sanitize the food tables and disinfect the changing tables. In the infant room the staff member was not cleaning the changing table with soap and water prior to disinfecting the table. This must always occur.

There are two bathrooms in the entrance and each has two toilets. There are two sinks outside of the bathrooms. Handwashing procedures were posted. There is a bathroom in the room for children eighteen months through younger three-year-olds that has one toilet and one sink. There is a changing table in the classroom. Handwashing and diaper changing procedures were posted. There are sinks in all four classrooms and handwashing procedures were posted. In the infant room there is a handwashing sink and a food prep sink. Diaper changing procedures were posted near the diaper changing table in the infant room.

Cribs are used to nap in the infant room. Cots and mats are used to nap for the older children. In the infant room the staff member did place a child under the age of one on their stomach to nap. Children under the age of one must always be put on their backs when they are laid down to nap to meet safe sleep standards. If they roll over on their own you can leave them.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. A radon test was completed in July 2022 and is good for two years. Results were within EPA guidelines. A carbon monoxide detector could not be located the day of the visit. It is typically kept in the staff bathroom. Ms. Kramer ordered a new carbon monoxide detector prior to me leaving the center. She has received it and it is now on site. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 04/17/24.

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

The play area is divided into two separate fenced in areas. One area has a grassy area for the children to participate in gross motor activities. There are playhouses, a sandbox and rocking toys for the children. There are picnic tables for the children to rest. Trees provide shade.

The second area has rubber tiles for surface cushioning. There are three pieces of climbing equipment with slides and other activities. It also has a basketball hoop, picnic tables and benches. Trees provide shade. Staff members take a first-aid kit outside with the children.

Staff and children files were reviewed at the time of the licensing visit. I reviewed ten children files. They were in good condition.

I reviewed two staff files. One staff member had an outdated mandatory reporter training. She has tried to take the training but was having problems logging in.

I reviewed policy and procedures, staff and parent handbooks. The necessary written emergency procedures and policies were present. Emergency Preparedness Plans have been completed.

Staff members were observed to have terrific interaction with the children. They were patient and flexible with their schedule. They spent a lot of time outside with the children. Staff members had good knowledge of developmental milestones and seem invested in the educational needs and developmental needs of the children. Staff members modeled good manners and assisted with handwashing. Staff members were enthusiastic and provided the children with praise. Positive redirection was used when necessary. Staff members interacted with the children at their level. They introduced them to activities and held children on their laps. In the infant room they were nurturing and worked on tummy time with the children. The staff members were having the children make Mother Day presents for their mothers. The children appeared to enjoy their time at the center.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center has an IQ4K level of 1 that expires on 09/30/25.

The program utilizes two foster grandparents at the center. One of them is present Monday through Friday for eight hours and the other grandparent is there Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

There are timers by the sinks so that children wash their hands for the appropriate amount of time.

The center incorporates prayer into their program. They are doing a spring program at the church.

I observed all the children count children during transitions.

The center is in a secured building and there are cameras outside of the entrance.

There is an Alexa in each room so teachers can play child friendly music.

Ms. Kramer states they plan to add an infant area to their playground. In the past they had parents donate the funding for one rubber tile to help pay for it. They plan to do this for the infant area also. It was a successful fundraiser.

Ms. Kramer states all the staff members received retention bonuses.

Ms. Kramer purchased gift cards for her staff members for Provider Appreciation week.

Ms. Kramer states three staff members receive the WAGES funds. No one is currently utilizing TEACH.

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

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area.One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes.Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
Additional concerns: In the infant room the staff member was not cleaning the changing table with soap and water prior to disinfecting the table. This must always occur.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age:Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat.No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.No co-sleeping shall be allowed.Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.
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**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is issued. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

*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.