

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

Name of Center: A to Z Learning Tree Preschool and School Age Care **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28702

Street: 209 Barre St **City:** Kingsley Iowa **Zip** 51028 **County:** Plymouth

Mailing Address: 26124 Roosevelt Ave, Kingsley, IA, 51028

Director's Name: Ann Bowman **Phone Number:** 712-378-3112

On-Site Supervisor(s): Carrie Book **E-Mail:** klb@evertek.net

Date(s) of Visit: 06-14-2023

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:** 05-02-2023

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

Date Inspected: 11-29-2021

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **Accredited** **NAEYC** **NSACA** **Other** X **NA**

Program Serves: **Infants (0-23 mo.)** **2 Years** X **Preschool-Age** X **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			30		30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew

Date: 06-15-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was made to A to Z Learning Tree Preschool on 06-14-23 and spoke with the Ann Bowman, director/owner. Ann has many years of experience in childcare and a 4 year degree in Early Childhood Education. A to Z Learning Tree Preschool is located in the downtown area of Kingsley. In November 2021, the program built and move into a building designed for childcare and moved into this location on 12-06-21. The building has one large room for the preschool/childcare and two bathrooms. The program operates year round 7:30am to 5pm Monday through Friday during the school year. They serve children age 3 through school age. The program follows the Kingsley School year during the school year. They serve 4-5 year olds Preschool on Monday-Wednesdays-Fridays all day from 8:30 to 3:30pm and 3 year olds on Tues and Thursdays 8:30am to 11:30am. The center offers extended day from 7:30am to 8:30am and 3:30 to 5:00pm. School agers are dropped off or picked up from the center and taken to school. If there are late starts due to weather or no school then the program is also closed during those times. The program also has a summer program for 3 year olds to 6th grade. Summer hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm.

There are 38 children enrolled and present in the program. However, only 25 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. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. Summer program started 06-05-23 and will end on 08-13-23. The school year program will begin around 08-23-23. The program takes drop in's, however, need to make sure all necessary paperwork is provided prior to starting.

The center has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: music, puzzles, kitchen, dress up, blocks, books, games, cars, computer, tools, doll house, and art. There is an abundance of toys, blocks and books for the children to use. Children have access to bathrooms and sinks. Toys and equipment is accessible to the children. Child size furniture throughout the room. Displayed throughout the room were colors, numbers, pictures of children, , and children's artwork. The room is colorfully decorated and appropriate for a preschool. Good room arrangement with centers throughout the area.

Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Since the building was completed in November 2021, Radon should be completed by November 2022. The building has a new furnace and will need to do annual furnace inspections going forward.

The center has a small kitchen which they serve breakfast, lunches, and snacks onsite. They do not have a stove, however, utilizes crock pots, microwave, and a roaster. The center follows the food program but are not on the food program.

Center Playground

The center has a new playground which was being completed and should be done within the next week. They have a shaded area and cement and turf for the playground area. Center will not have any climbing structures. Center does do monthly playground inspections.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips

None. They walk to the swimming pool, library and other places in town.

Goals of the center is to complete the playground, work on staff team building, and more STEM activities.

Strengths of the center is that they have a good relationship with parents, kids, ad the community.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center is on QRS level 3 out of 5.

Center sends parents a weekly newsletter in the summer and a monthly newsletter during the school year.

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

Center sends home report cards twice a year to let parents know what skills their child has obtained.

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

Number not in compliance: 3

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: 6

Information lacking: information was missing

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.

Number missing: 2

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center will need to email consultant by 07-25-23 confirming that they have all items that fall below standards have been corrected.

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.

