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

Name of Center: Growing Greatness Learning Center **Enrollment:** 42 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51460

Street: 110 N. High St **City:** Baxter Iowa **Zip** 50028 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: 7235 Derby Ave, Baxter, IA, 50028

Director's Name: Lindsay Bethards, Melissa Brummel **Phone Number:** 641-521-3877

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** brummel727@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-10-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-17-2021

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

Date Inspected: 07-06-2021

Comments : 8/2/21 - date of compliance

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 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	22	12	58	58	150
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 07-16-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Growing Greatness Learning Center opened in May 2021. It is located in a single standing building and has a secured entrance. The center also occupies two buildings that are located right beside the daycare. These are used for programming for preschool and school age children. The center provides child care services for infant through school age children. The owners and directors are Lindsay Bethards and Melissa Brummel. Lindsay has child care experience as she was a registered home child care provider. Melissa also qualifies to be a director through education and experience.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Lindsey was present and she assisted with the visit. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Schedules are in place in each classroom. Classrooms have lesson plans. All classrooms were observed.

One room is used as a community room. Some classrooms were observed eating in this room today.

The younger infant classroom (Butterflies) had five infants present. There were two staff working in this class today. The older infants/toddlers (Dragonflies) had seven toddlers present. There were two staff working with this class. The 2 year old class (Bee Room) had nine children in attendance. Two staff were working with in this class. The 3 year old class had ten children present. Two staff were working with this class. The 3/4's had eleven children present. Two staff were working with this group. Children were observed during individual play activities, during lunch, during transition time and during rest time. Staff were assisting the children with their activities and supporting the children as needed.

The center has playground space behind the daycare. There is fencing in place. Tile is used for surfacing material. There are areas designated for younger children and for older children. Playground checks are documented monthly.

The center has a kitchen and a cook. Menus are on a four week rotation and there are some seasonal meals. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Some snacks being served didn't have two food components. Lunch served today was tuna and noodles, peas, pears and milk.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Lindsay has experience operating a home based child care center. The owners did some remodeling in the building. The

center has video monitoring in all the classrooms. The center uses ProCare for communicating with parents as well as administrative tracking.

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

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
One staff didn't complete required hours of professional training in 2022.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
The center is serving some items for snack that don't meet CACFP guidelines. REPEAT VIOLATION
The center needs to add a morning snack (2 credible food groups) or change breakfast time.

109.10(3)d: Staff shall not provide medications to a child if preservice/orientation training for medication management has not been completed
There is nobody at the center that has completed medication management course. There is child attending that has an epi pen.
There isn't a medical form/action plan completed by the parent/guardian.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.
All violations were discussed at the time of the visit. Violations are being made addressed and corrected.

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