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

Name of Center: Happy Time Child Care **Enrollment:** 111 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51991

Street: 401 Grandview AVE **City:** Muscatine Iowa **Zip** 52761 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: 401 Grandview AVE, Muscatine, IA, 52761

Director's Name: Holly Brockert **Phone Number:** 563-263-0957

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sam Sivill **E-Mail:** htpskids@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-21-2023

Licensing Visit X **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:** 09-26-2022

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

Date Inspected: 04-09-2021

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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	20	20	20	26	86
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 03-23-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Happy Time on 3/21/2023. The center provides childcare for infants to school aged children. The center is open from 4am to 6pm. The center has 111 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 4/9/2021.

The director is Holly Brockert. Holly started in 2019.

The onsite supervisor is Sam Sivill. Sam started in 2020.

This worker observed all classrooms. In the infant room staff were on the floor playing with an infant, completing a diaper change, and rocking an infant to sleep. In the 18 months-3 year old room children were observed playing, they washed hands, and had lunch. In the 3-5 year old room children were engaged in free play. In the school aged room they were playing hangman.

The center's curriculum is teacher created.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center is in the process of getting on the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The center provides breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit. The center did practice fire, tornado and emergency drills as required. The center completed radon testing as required. The center completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector installed as required.

The center's outdoor area included: riding toys, hula hoops, balls, cones, and catch games.

The center only takes field trips for school aged children and older. The center offers field trips to the museums, trampoline park, swimming, bowling alley, movie theater and Discovery Center.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings. The center will be using Brightwheel to ensure open communication with the families they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center works with Child Care Resource and Referral and their local nurse consultant.
-The center will be using Brightwheel to ensure open communication with the families they serve.
-The center has cameras in their classrooms.
-The center accepts child care assistance.

-The director has made a commitment to train staff prior to placing them into a classroom. They are also expected to complete more training then the minimal requirements.
-The center recently received new step stools and cribs.
-The center is working towards being on the Food Program and Quality Improvement System.
-The center has partnered with I-Smile. I-Smile is a statewide program that connects children and families with dental, medical, and community resources to ensure a lifetime of health and wellness.
-The center director works with local community partners to connect the families with resources that they may need.
-Starting in April the center will have the librarian come in weekly to visit each classroom.

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

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
-One child file needed an updated physical.

109.10(8): Children's hand washing:
-The children in the 18 month old to 3 year old room were playing while staff began to wash the children's hands for lunch. All tables were not appropriately cleaned/sanitized. The staff helped the children wash their hands. Staff did not follow hand washing procedures. The children continued to play and/or touch dirty tables. Hands were not rewashed. The staff shared that it was a "chaotic" day; however it was apparent that routines had not been established to practice quality hand washing steps prior to meals/snacks.
-The children in the 3-5 year old room were observed getting their hands washed. They quickly washed, applied a small amount of soap, and did not scrub for the required amount of time. This was observed with multiple children.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Classrooms were not clean. Floors were in need of being vacuumed/swept/mopped. Shelves and toys needed to be cleaned in the 3-5 year old classroom. In the school age classroom there was dried urine on the bathroom floor. Walls throughout the center were in need of being washed. Chairs need to be cleaned.
-Several floor tiles/carpet need to be secured to prevent tripping.
-To ensure the children's safety the center must purchase another fire evacuation crib.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
-Classrooms are extremely chaotic. There does not appear to be a routine or daily schedule that is consistently followed.

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. 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.
-Blankets were draped over the crib. They could fall into the crib and create an unsafe sleeping environment. An infant was observed sleeping in a swing. This worker informed the director that this was being allowed. Staff were redirected.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.
-Countertops and tables were not cleaned prior to the meal. Staff must clean and sanitize food preparation and surface areas before and after use. All dining tables and feeding trays should be cleaned and sanitized before and after each meal. The sanitized product should be allowed to air dry. If circumstances do not allow time for air drying after the appropriate immersion or dwell time has been reached, the surface should be wiped dry with a clean single-use or disposable towel. Standing pools of sanitized water should not be left to air dry.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A referral was made to CCR&R and the local Nurse Consultant to assist the center with making some necessary changes including:

-Handwashing the director must review the following information with all staff and should observe the staff during meals/snacks to ensure appropriate hand washing procedures are followed.
https://hhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/portals/1/userfiles/128/handwashing%20poster%202017.pdf
https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/materials.html

-Clean Environment the director must review the following information with all staff:
https://cchp.ucsf.edu/safer-cleaning-sanitizing-and-disinfecting-posters

-Safe Sleep the director must review the following information with all infant staff.
https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/resources/caregivers

-Schedule and Curriculum the director, on-site supervisor and staff will work with outside agencies to help establish a daily routine
https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/about-us/article/importance-schedules-routines#:~:text=Schedules%20and%20routines%20in%20the%20group%20care%20setting,an%20activity%20or%20task%205%20Engage%20in%20learning
https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/video/lets-talk-about-routines

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.