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

Name of Center: Story Time Preschool & Child Care **Enrollment:** 41 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30118

Street: 2016 S Cecelia ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2016 S Cecelia ST, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Kim Storey-Geisler **Phone Number:** 712-276-1114

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amber Davis **E-Mail:** storytimepreschool@hotmail.com mgeisler95@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-14-2025

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:** 02-07-2024

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

Date Inspected: 09-20-2024

Comments :

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	16	46		12	74
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 04-17-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I completed an unannounced off-year visit on 04/14/25 and spoke with onsite supervisor Amber Davis as Kim Storey, director, was not present. Ms. Storey has a four-year early education degree and several years of experience working with children. Amber Davis has worked for the center since 2018 and is currently enrolled at WITCC for Early Childhood. Ms. Davis enjoys her career and continues to work towards her degree.

The center has two levels. The upstairs has a two-year-old room, three-year-old. They have a preschool room that they are currently not using due to low enrollment. They will be utilizing this room in the summer for school-aged children. In the basement there is an infant area, along with a play area and a dining room area.

There are 41 children enrolled in this program and during the visit there were 29 children present. They currently have no children on medication and no children with allergies. I observed all the rooms and their activities.

The infant room has a variety of appropriate toys, books and equipment. I was able to speak with Lead Teacher, Vickie Roose. Ms. Roose was knowledgeable about the infants in her care. She does age-appropriate activities with these infants. Currently they have been working on Easter projects where they have used footprints of the children to make an art project that is displayed in the area. This is a great way to implement sensory learning through the feet touching the paint. They send daily notes home with parents on feeding and diapering that the center staff has completed throughout the day.

Staff ratio was on target as there were two staff to 7 children on this date. I observed infants sleeping as well as awake. The center did an excellent job of following safe sleep rules. Staff were also engaged with the infants who were not sleeping by holding them and talking to them. There is one changing table in the room and appropriate cleaning and sanitizing methods are used.

The two-year-old room has a variety of books, toys and activities for children to learn through play. There were cots for nap time. I observe staff calming a child that was having difficulty resting. I do note that a few of these cots did not have a sheet on them and this was due to the laundry being done. I recommend that the cots all have a sheet on the cot before the children take their naps. The bathroom was observed to be clean with the appropriate handwashing signs hanging at eye level for the children.

The three-year-old room has sufficient number of toys and equipment for children to learn and explore. There was artwork from the children hanging on the wall. There were other items of learning hanging up in the room including colors, shapes, weather and the alphabet. The bathroom was clean and displayed hand washing visual aids. They also clean and sanitize toys every day.

The daily schedules and menus were posted throughout the center.
The center does cook its own food and participates in the CACFP program. The kitchen area should have a lock on the cupboard in the kitchen below the sink as there are cleaning supplies kept in that cupboard. I note that they now have thermometers in the fridge and freezer, which was an issue the previous year. The pantry area should be decluttered.

There were a lot of containers thrown in a box just sitting on the floor. There were also many snack items in the pantry that were opened and still in the original boxes. These items need to be put either in a container or Ziploc bag with a date of when it was opened written on it.
I note that some of the infant room highchairs do not have working safety straps.

The first aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. It is very minimal, and I would suggest that they possibly invest in a backpack first aid kit. They currently utilize a large Rubbermaid container and a smaller tooler box. I observed all the required postings. Radon testing had been completed in 2024 were below acceptable levels. They have working carbon monoxide detectors.

The center does own a van and uses it occasionally. They have current maintenance records and permission slips for the children to travel in the van. They generally do a lot of walking with the children outside to various spots in the neighborhood.

In reading their previous report the center has met quite a few of their goals. The cameras are now working, and this was a big project due to issues with the Internet provider. The playground is also in much better repair than last year. There are two playgrounds for the center. One for younger kids and one for older kids. They use a rubber mulch, and the equipment is in good repair. This summer they will again be planting things in a garden outside which is a great learning experience for the older children.

Their files are in much better order and generally contain most of the information needed.

Goals for the center are decluttering and becoming more organized. They have started working on obtaining their IQ4K program level.

Ms. Davis personally would like to finish her associate degree in early childhood education.

Staff work well together as I observed staff covering another room, so they were in ratio as one staff had a brief medical appointment.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center sends a newsletter home to the parents, so they know what is happening monthly at the center.

Staff had good knowledge of who each child was and were observed comforting children who were having difficulty during rest time.

The center display varies artwork that the children have completed.

They have a good policy on biting. They initially let parents know and work with the child who is biting by discussing why biting is not acceptable using terms young children can understand.

The Center director was readily available by phone for the on-site supervisor as a call was made while I was present regarding a question in a personnel file.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

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: 1

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. Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.

Additional concerns: There were several open boxes of snacks such as crackers. They need to be in a Ziploc bag or in a

container and dated at the time they are opened.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please email consultant when all aspects below standards are completed by 06-14-25.

It is encouraged that they continue their process of obtaining their IQK4 kids' level

It is also encouraged that they may invest in a backpack type of first aid kit instead of their current system.

A full license will remain in effect 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.