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

Name of Center: Spartan ECC **Enrollment:** 42 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52478

Street: 600 Eastwood Dr **City:** Solon Iowa **Zip** 52333 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 600 Eastwood Dr, Solon, IA, 52333

Director's Name: Luann Case **Phone Number:** 319-624-2318

On-Site Supervisor(s): Karen Harapat **E-Mail:** spartanchildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-29-2024

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:** 03-20-2024

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

Date Inspected: 11-18-2022

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	16	14	4	54
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 09-02-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at SPARTAN ECC – 52478 "Berry Patch Kids" on 7/29/2024 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 11/18/22. The center is for profit. The center serves infants to school aged children. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 6:30am-5:30pm. Their current enrollment is 42.

The director is Luann Case. She started in 10/2023. She has a one-year degree in Early Childhood Education.

The on-site supervisor is Karen Harpat 1/2020.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center has 4 classrooms, storage space, office, kitchen, and restrooms. The center's playground includes swings, climbing structures, sandbox, outdoor kitchen, garden, bikes, balls, slide and playhouse.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center offers breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed. The center does communicate with parents via: ProCare.

The center's curriculum is teacher created using curriculum from ProCare.

The center does offer walking field trips. They walk to the community center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has a Facebook page and website: https://sites.google.com/view/spartanecc/home
-The center has engaged the children with gardening activities.
-The director has experience working at Head Starts and additional Linn County Accredited Programs.
-Child files and staff files were in full compliance.

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

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
-The center has had some difficulty with hiring staff. Staff reported that they do move children to help ensure ratio. Staff

also shared that if they are out of ratio, it is generally by 1-3 children.
-School aged children were combined with 2-year-old children. This is not permitted.

109.9(1)b: All files contain: Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results.
-1/12 employees needed an Iowa SING check.
-3/12 employees needed National FBI Checks.
-The director is encouraged to review: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/62%20Record%20Check%20Guide.pdf

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
-Number not in compliance: 2

109.10(14): Pets: Animals kept on site shall be in good health with no evidence of disease, does not pose a safety threat, and is maintained in clean manner. Documentation of current vaccinations shall be available for cats and dogs.
-The director's dog has visited the center. Documentation of current vaccinations need to be added to the licensing notebook.

109.10(16)a: The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.
-Staff struggle with providing careful supervision. They had difficulty ensuring appropriate placement outside to ensure that all children could be seen. They struggled in the classroom when doing diapering (A child left the room).
-This worker would strongly recommend that the director, on-site supervisor and all staff complete a training on supervision: https://extension.psu.edu/programs/betterkidcare/search?SearchableText=supervision

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Paint Chipping/Holes in Walls must be repaired.
-A window leaking in the classroom must be repaired.
-Several concerns must be addressed in the playground area. Please have your nurse consultant come out for a visit. Your nurse consultant can be found at: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year. This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center's CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings. Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center's CCNC consultant visit: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

*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.