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

**Name of Center:** Regina Early Childhood Center and AM/PM Program **Enrollment:** 200 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24235

**Street:** 2140 Rochester Ave **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

**Mailing Address:** 2140 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA, 52245

**Director's Name:** Michala Cox and Enoka Mihms **Phone Number:** 319-337-6189

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Abbe Altman **E-Mail:** chris.burns@icregina.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 12-05-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 02-04-2022

**FIRE INSPECTION** **State** X **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:** Profit X Non-Profit NA

**Accredition:** 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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Summer | | | | | 0 |
| General | | | 106 | 100 | 206 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| 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:** Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-06-2023

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

N/A

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

This worker arrived at Regina Early Childhood Center on 12/5/2023. They provide care for preschool to school aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm. The center is inside Regina Catholic Education Center. They utilize four classrooms, a large motor room, a STEM room, a nature center, cafeteria, gym, a kitchen, and restrooms. The center's fire inspection was completed on 11/18/2022.

The director is Michala Cox and Enoka Mihms. Michala has a PH.D. in Learning Sciences and Educational Psychology. She started in 1/2023. Enoka has an Associate's Degree in Clothing Industrial. She started in 2014.

The onsite supervisor is Abbe Altman. She has a Bachelor's In English with a Minor in Management. She started in 9/2023.

This worker observed all programming spaces and reviewed the curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The program provides 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 did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The first aid kit was sufficient.

The preschool does offer field trips twice a year. They went to Wilson's Apple Orchard and are in the process of planning the Spring field trip.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

-The center uses ProCare for open communication.
-The center has new smart boards in every classroom.
-The center has added an additional classroom this year to meet the growing need for child care.
-Classrooms were clean and nicely decorated.
-Curriculum was posted in every classroom.
-Newsletters are sent to the parents monthly.
-The center's utilize Creative Curriculum and Second Step.
-The center's website is: https://regina.org/early-childhood/

**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.
-Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
-Expired medications must be returned to the parents for appropriate disposal and replaced if needed.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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://hhs.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.