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

Name of Center: Southeast Webster Grand Daycare **Enrollment:** 54 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 17940

Street: 104 2nd ST NW **City:** Dayton Iowa **Zip** 50530 **County:** Webster

Mailing Address: 104 2nd ST NW, Dayton, IA, 50530

Director's Name: Sara Stevens **Phone Number:** 515-547-2200

On-Site Supervisor(s): Stephanie Will **E-Mail:** sstevens@svjags.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-26-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 07-30-2021

Comments :

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: 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	25		45	27	97
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury **Date:** 04-29-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was made to the Southeast Webster Daycare on 04-26-24 where I met with the on-site supervisor Stephanie Will as the center director Sara Stevens was not in on the day of the visit. Sara has been the director of this program since 2012 and has obtained her CDA. Stephanie has been with center since 2011. The program is located in a wing of the Dayton Elementary school which completed construction in 2016. The program is overseen by the school district and operated as a non-profit center. The program serves infants through school age children year round. There are currently 54 children enrolled in the program served by 10 staff. All areas of the program subject to licensing standards were reviewed during this visit.

The overall design and layout of the building and each room remains the same as in prior visits. Each room was observed to be clean. There were issues with regard to maintenance that ranged from shelves and play structures with loose hardware to leaks in the roof that required receptacles to catch dripping water. Each room has direct secondary egress from the classroom. All exits were clear of obstruction and opened easily and freely. Each room has large windows which provide ample natural lighting, views of the outdoors, and ventilation. The windows in two of the classrooms are fitted with steel storm shutters and serve as tornado shelters for the daycare and school. Each room has toilets and sinks directly accessible from the classroom, and additional sinks in the classrooms to facilitate hand washing. The classroom used for the preschool age children is divided by mobile panel dividers to establish the formal preschool programming area from the daycare programming. This area is increased during the school year, and decreased during the summer. Each room has has a variety of activity centers created through the placement of furniture, shelving, and play structures. The centers are arranged so that they provide the children with ample room to move and play and which do not create any blind areas.

The toys and materials present were in good repair and generally appropriate to the ages of the children. During the visit items that were manufactured as promotional items for food vendors were present and these "Happy Meal" toys are prohibited and need to be removed. In addition there were items and toys with parts that could break off of less then 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 2 1/4 inches in length. These would be considered choking hazards and need to be removed from classrooms of children less than 3 year of age, and supervised for use with children between 3-4 years of age. Neither daily schedule or planned curriculum were posted on the day of my visit. It is noted that the day of the visit was also a non-school day and the staff identified that they follow a more relaxed approach on those days. During the visit the staff were observed to follow a planned schedule and did engage in activities to help the children build various skills such as gross and fine, and cognitive skills. While it did appear that the center does implement curriculum a copy of the planned curriculum does need to be posted. Good interactions were observed with the staff in each classroom being engaged with the children and attending to their needs. Ratio was maintained in the center as required by age.

Good health and safety practices were observed during the visit. I was not able to observe a diaper change but the staff in the infant room did review the practices followed which were consistent with required procedures. The required diapering procedures posting was present by changing stations and the staff did refer to the posting when describing the practices followed. First aid kits are maintained in the center, and the center would also have access to the school nurses office for additional supplies and support if needed. Over the counter medications were labeled with the name of the person to whom it belonged. Information regarding children with diagnosed allergies was posted in classrooms and included copies of the

allergy response plans. Chemical cleaners, purses, and other items that are labeled as "Keep Out Of The Reach Of Children", or which may pose a safety risk to children were stored in areas that are not accessible to children. Good cleaning practices were observed in the classrooms with the teachers waiting for children to be out of the immediate area before using chemical cleaners. Good handwashing practices were observed with the teachers ensuring that the children did wash their hands as required and providing assistance when needed. Safe sleep practices were followed for children under 12 months of age.

Meals are prepared by the school cafeteria when the school is in operation and prepared by the daycare staff in the school kitchen during the summer and days school is closed. Given that the school was not in session on the day of my visit Stephanie did prepare lunch. Good food storage, handling, and preparation practices were observed during the visit. A limited supply of food items are kept in the classroom and good food storage practices and good food storage practices were generally observed for those items as well. A thermometer was not found in the refrigeration/freezer unit that is maintained in the toddler room and that does need to be replaced. Additionally there were a couple rolled bags, and non-credible food items present but these were limited and food program requirements were discussed with Stephanie. Meals are served in the classrooms and the teachers did use measured scoops to portion meals. While the teachers did not eat with the children they did provide supervision at the tables.

The playground space used by the center is located in an interior courtyard bordered by the building on 3 sides and fenced on the forth. Climbing structures and other equipment have been installed with foam tiles used for fall surfacing. There is also a grassy play area, and paved area where the children can play. Several semi mature trees and the climbing structure provide shade. The equipment was observed to be in good repair. A shed was present where additional toys and materials were stored.

All required notices were posted in an area readily accessible and visible to all parents and visitors. In reviewing child and staff files the center does maintain both a hard copy and electronic system, Bright Wheel. A random selection of 10% of child files were reviewed and compared to the self-audit completed by the center which was found to be accurate and all files contained all required information. The center had not completed a self-audit of staff files and a random selection of 7 staff files were reviewed. Each file was found to be missing at least one required element in addition to not being able to locate the FBI background checks for any staff. Of the files reviewed several had expired background checks, and training, 4 did not have documentation of a physical, and 2 had not completed the training required within the first 90 days of employment. All required inspection logs and certificates were available and current with the exception of Radon testing which had expired. The last available results were dated 06/21 with a tested level of 1.9 piCu/L. While this is well below the allowable 4.0 piCu/L cutoff renewed testing is required every 2 years. The center handbooks have been previously reviewed and found to contain all required written policies.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Stephanie did identify that the center does have staff who have developed positive relationships that allow them to provide strong support for each other, and the child that attend the center.

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.
-- Number not in compliance: 3

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
-- Number not in compliance: 3

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
-- Number not in compliance: 2

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: 6

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
-- Shelving units, cribs, and other equipment with loose hardware need to be tightened. The center does need to repair the roof leaks and will need to monitor conditions for development of issues related to rot, mold, or other concerns that result from exposure to moisture. When using items to capture drips staff will need to provide supervision to ensure that children do not play in or drink captured water, and ensure that any water accumulations on the floors is cleaned to reduce the risk of a fall hazard.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
-- Documentation of current testing was not available on the day of my visit.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room's arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
-- Items and toys with small parts that can break off which are less than 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 2 1/4 inches length are considered choking hazards and need to be removed from classrooms with children under 3 years of age. Toys manufactured as promotional items for food vendors need to be removed.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying a plan of action to correct and maintain those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

NOTE: If FBI fingerprint based background checks cannot be located those will need to be renewed for all staff. If renewal of those checks is needed please notify the licensing consultant and submit fingerprint cards by 05-31-24.

*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.