

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

Name of Center: Wee Saints Day Care **Enrollment:** 78 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 22966

Street: 122 W 8th ST **City:** Saint Ansgar **Iowa Zip:** 50472 **County:** Mitchell

Mailing Address: PO Box 158, Saint Ansgar, IA, 50472

Director's Name: Rose Minnis **Phone Number:** 641-713-4652

On-Site Supervisor(s): Rose Minnis **E-Mail:** weesaints@myomnitel.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-05-2018

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:** 05-15-2018

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

Date Inspected: 09-07-2016

Comments : Compliance on 09-19-16

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X **Non-Profit** NA

Accreditation: 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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	29	11	11	27	78
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 07-01-2018 to 07-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCAION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost

Date: 06-25-2018

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 06/05/18 I made an unannounced licensing visit to Wee Saints Day Care in St. Ansgar. I met with Rose Minnis, the center director. Ms. Minnis has been employed by Wee Saints Day Care since 1997 and she has been the director since November 2000. Ms. Minnis has an AA in elementary education from NIACC in Mason City. There are fifteen staff members employed by the center. Rhiannon Warrington is in charge when Ms. Minnis is not present at the center.

The program is located in a free standing building. It operates Monday through Friday from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm. The center serves children ages 6 weeks through twelve-years-old. There are currently 78 children enrolled.

The program utilizes the following classrooms during the summer months, infants (6 weeks until 24 months), two-year-old room, three and four-year-old room, and a school-aged room. During the school year the rooms are separated as infants (6 weeks until 12 months), 12-24 months room, two and three-year-old room, and a preschool/school-aged room. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with the children’s art projects. The children’s birthdays were posted. There is an area for circle time.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, Lego/blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, writing, math, science/discovery, woodworking, sensory table and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level so they were easily accessible to the children.

In the three and four-year-old room staff members were re-using rags to clean and sanitize the table before and after snack. A rag can only be used once. A new rag should be used each time. In the school-age room the bleach must be stored out of reach from the children. I recommend putting it in the cupboard. In the infant room I observed a diaper change. The staff member did not wash the child’s hands following the diaper change until I reminded her it needed to be done. Also, the staff member held the child as she cleaned and disinfected the changing table. This cannot occur. Staff members should wash the child’s hands and place them down and then clean and disinfect the table. The temperature of the upright freezer in the kitchen was at twenty degrees. It should be zero degrees and below. I informed the cook and she was going to get a new thermometer to see if that was the problem.

In the playground area the bottom of the fence is six to seven inches off the bottom of the ground around much of the fence. I conferred with a child care nurse consultant. She informed me that best practice is that fences should be no more than 3 ½ inches off the ground.

The center uses a variety of resources to develop lesson plans. Activities are planned around weekly themes. All of the classes have the same theme and teachers develop their individual lesson plan based on the developmental level of the children. The teachers work together on occasion to brainstorm ideas. Lesson plans were available for review. The current theme in the rooms is bugs/nature.

There was a phone with emergency numbers in the classrooms. You must post emergency numbers in the infant room and the room for two-year-olds. Emergency fire and tornado procedures were posted by the main program and outdoor exits. A daily schedule was posted in each room.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. Each room practices the drills separately. In the two-year-old room the drills should be practiced on separate dates. A radon test was completed in April 2017 and is good for two years. Results were within EPA guidelines. The fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site and is located in the preschool/school-age room. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 09/07/16 with compliance on 09/19/18.

Staff and children files were reviewed at the time of the licensing visit. I reviewed ten children files. One failed to provide the name of a hospital. There were two outdated physicals and one outdated health statement. One physical was not dated by the physician.

I reviewed four staff files and they were in terrific condition. I also reviewed program handbooks and they were in good condition.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program has organized and easy to read files.

All staff members have completed Essentials training. They have also completed CPR, First-Aid and all required annual training hours.

Ms. Minnis states the program has been painting rooms and working on landscaping. They are getting a new sign for out front of the building.

School personnel walk the children back and forth from the center. The school is located close to the center.

The program receives a lot of community support.

The preschool/school-aged room is built as a storm shelter.

Staff members were observed to have terrific interaction with the children. They were patient, flexible and provided developmentally appropriate activities to entertain, as well as teach, the children.

As a goal the center would like to add a security system so they will be able to lock all of the doors at all times. Staff and families will have an access code to enter the main entrance. The program received a grant to do this.

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, 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: 4

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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.

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109.11(5): Telephone: Working non-pay phone with posting adjacent for emergency numbers for police, fire, and poison

control center. Center street address and phone included in posting. List of emergency numbers for children kept near phone. You must post emergency numbers in the infant room and the room for two-year-olds.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area. One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes. Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.

Additional concerns: In the infant room I observed a diaper change. The staff member did not wash the child's hands following the diaper change until I reminded her it needed to be done. Also, the staff member held the child as she cleaned and disinfected the changing table. This cannot occur. Staff members should wash the child's hands and place them down and then clean and disinfect the table.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 319-292-2429; email rfrost@dhs.state.ia.us so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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