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

Name of Center: Handicare Inc **Enrollment:** 144 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24236

Street: 2220 9th ST **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2220 9th ST, Coralville, IA, 52241

Director's Name: Laura Lage **Phone Number:** 319-354-7641

On-Site Supervisor(s): Donnie Stanley **E-Mail:** director@handicareinc.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-27-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-08-2024

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: 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	75	21	98	26	220
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2024 to 12-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 01-01-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at HANDICARE INC - 24236 on 12/27/2024 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 10/8/2024 The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center serves infants to school aged children. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 6:30am-6:30pm. Their current enrollment is 144.

The director is Laura Lage. She started in 2002. She has a Bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education.

The on-site supervisor is Donnie Stanley She started in 2023.

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 in a commercial building, church, school, etc. The center has 13 classrooms, two large motor rooms, staff breakroom, offices and storage.

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 is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The center offers breakfast, 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 App, infant daily sheets, emails, and phone conversations : The center’s curriculum is teacher created with a blend of: Iowa Early Learning Standards and Creative Curriculum. The center does offer field trips. Examples include: apple orchard, local parks, Iowa Children’s Museum and Coralville Police/Fire Station.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center recently remodeled their outdoor play area.
-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining employees.
-The director is Laura Lage. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She has been working at the center since 2002.
-Staff and child files reviewed were in full compliance.
-The center uses ProCare.

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

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.
-Prescription labels must be labeled with physician or pharmacist directions. Expired medications must be replaced with current medications.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Choking hazards must be stored inaccessible to children under the age of three years.
-Cleaning supplies must be stored inaccessible to the children.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Indoor climbing structures need fall surfacing that meets ASTM F1292 requirements.

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. As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf

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.