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

Name of Center: Sheryl K Johnson Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 228 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18160

Street: 400 Gleason Avenue **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51503 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 400 Gleason Ave, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

Director's Name: Don George, Jessica McGinnis **Phone Number:** 712-323-3703

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** mcginnisj@saintalbertschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-17-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-17-2023

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 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	36	12	96	150	294
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-29-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Sheryl K. Johnson Child Care Center on 11-17-2024. The center is connected to St. Albert Elementary School. Child care services are provided to children infant age to school age. The hours of operation are 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. There are 228 children enrolled. The program consolidated the preschool and before and after school program to join with the child care program in June 2019. Don George and Jessica McGinnis are the directors. Don became the director in May 2019. Don has his bachelors degree in psychology and has over twenty two years experience as being the director of child care centers in Nebraska. He brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the center. Jessica has a bachelors degree in elementary education and she has a masters degree and she has worked at Sheryl K Johnson Child care for several years.

Observation of rooms:
There are 13 program rooms (child care, and 3 preschool rooms - Pre K 4 and 2 before and after school rooms - Kid Care). Next year there will be two preschool rooms. The center also uses a large motor skills activity room with 5 Ft. fall zone padded floor surfacing.
All of the program rooms looked great and were in ratio. I didn't see the Kid Care room as the school age children were in school during my visit. The rooms have a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Many of the rooms were observed during nap time. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children. It is fun to see all of the children's fun art work displayed.
The center is using High Scope and Creative Curriculum Gold. The staff in the program rooms develop the weekly lesson plans/activities.
The emphasis is to provide fun hands on learning experiences everyday.
Each program room has a tablet and the center uses the Brightwheel app for daily sheets, incident reports, notifications and communication with the parents, parents can also pay their child care bill on-line.
Jeremy continues to be the on-site supervisor for Kid Care.
The childcare and preschool are full.

Nutrition:
The food is prepared by the school cafeteria.
Even though you aren't on the federal food program your program must comply with the CACFP food program guidelines.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication.
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
The building has all electric appliances.
Eleven radon tests were completed in July 2022, all test scores were under a 4.0 pCi/L.
The center uses Sani-T-10 for sanitizing and Oxivir for disinfecting. The three step bottle procedure is used, 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved products for sanitizing and disinfecting.

Playground:

The center has fenced outdoor play area with a variety of toys. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Jessica McGinnis is very organized and maintains excellent files.
The center has their emergency preparedness procedures.
Quarterly staff meetings are held and Don and Jessica meet with staff on an ongoing basis.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Don an Jessica are confident as the directors. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children. The staff are very creative and provide daily hands on learning experiences that are fun and educational. The center is a great resource for the community.
The center will apply for the IQ4K program.
The center has received grants for equipment.
The center has cameras and a emergency notification system through the school.
Your center has tremendous support from parents and the community. The center is very grateful for the generous donations for renovations, and equipment.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 11-1-2022 to 11-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 11-17-2023.

*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.