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| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
| X | FULL license from 07-01-2020 to 07-01-2022 |
| | PROVISIONAL license from |
| | DENIAL of initial application |
| | SUSPENSION of license |
| | REVOCAION of license |

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Date: 06-04-2020

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 6/4/20. The director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were touched upon. These areas touched upon consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. However, the main focus/topic of this year's visit was to discuss health and safety practices as it pertains to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Manning Child Care Center is a center overseen by a Board and located in a downtown building that also houses Caleris, which is a marketing company. The center opened in 9/2002. The center uses their own learning curriculum that is based off of several other curriculums. Children served range from six weeks in age to 12 years in age. The center is open year-round and also provides a drop-in service for families; although 24 hour notice is recommended.

The center director is Michelle Starman. Michelle has her AA degree in Child Development and has been the director since 2010. Melissa Orr, Alison Karsteen, and Jamie Hanson are the on-site supervisors at the center. All three individuals have several years' experience working in child care and meet the qualifications for their positions.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

There is a secure entrance into the building.

The center employs a full-time cook

The center has a Facebook page.

The center participates in NAP SACC (physical activities and good nutrition program for children). The center also participates in the 5-2-1-0 program around healthy kids.

The center participates in the food program (CACFP).

Parents receive a monthly newsletter (also an email option for the newsletter).

The center will provide a certain brand of formula as well as baby food for infants if needed.

Staff bios are posted in the main hallway.

There remains a good mix of several tenured staff members and newer staff members. There is an employee incentive system in place.

The center has good partnerships with other businesses in the community as well as Zion Lutheran Preschool in town.

The director feels she has a very supportive and engaging Board.

The director has quarterly staff meetings with other directors in the surrounding area (currently on hold because of COVID - 19).

There have been big renovations to the playground within the past year.

The center is a pick up and drop off site for school-age children.

There is an indoor play area when weather does not permit outdoor play.

Staff and children files were nicely organized.

The center is a drop in center.

The center has received several grants over the past year.

The center is in the process of reapplying for QRS which is a voluntary program focused on best practice.

Staff questioned seemed to have a good understanding of new COVID - 19 procedures. Children also had some awareness.

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

No below standards were identified at this year's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every two years and was last tested 2/14/19 - 2/19/19. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff.

The annual furnace inspection was completed 3/2/20.

It is recommended that Tylenols and other over the counter/fever reducing medications be sent home at this time.

Large playhouses/dramatic play toys shouldn't be stored on top shelves in the event they would be pushed over on the opposite side.

The top fence poles for the playground fence are on order per the director.

It was previously noted the center only does walking field trips around the surrounding area.

A new, full, two-year licence is recommended.

*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.

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