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

Name of Center: Romper Stompers Childcare Center **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30322

Street: 2307 Central AVE **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52001 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 2307 Central AVE, Dubuque, IA, 52001

Director's Name: Renee Krier **Phone Number:** 563-556-1500

On-Site Supervisor(s): Breanna Krier **E-Mail:** krier2006@live.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-07-2024

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:** 02-01-2024

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

Date Inspected: 09-27-2021

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit 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 X 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	9	12	24	9	54
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 02-29-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 2/7/24. The center owner and director, Renee Krier, was not present on site for this visit. Breanna Krier is the approved on site supervisor and was present. This center is for profit and is one of two centers owned by Renee Krier. Renee describes her experience as an in-home provider for 12 years prior to opening this center and ongoing training. The center does provide extended evening care. Children age six weeks to 12 years currently attend the center including before and after school and non-school day care for school-age children. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

Program rooms include: yellow room (four years through school age) , green room (12 months through 23 months, currently not in use), blue room (two through three years), and red room (zero through 23 months). Program rooms included an adequate supply of materials. Program rooms and supplies were generally well organized. All children at the center have to travel to use the restroom area which is located at one end of the center in a hallway adjacent to the blue room. The exception is the blue room which does include an adjacent restroom area that includes a toilet and hand washing sink and wall mounted diapering station. There is a wall diapering station in one of the hallway restroom areas as well. The red, green, and blue rooms include a diapering station within the room as well. All program rooms include a hand washing sink.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves afternoon snack, dinner, and evening snack. All meals are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. The kitchen area was again observed to be generally clean, organized, and food storage was done well.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The owner/center director has many years of experience as a registered day care home provider. The center continues to work with the local CCRR consultant and regularly seeks out advice and consultation. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities and appeared to work well together in all program rooms. Children's crafts and projects were on display throughout the center. Daily notes are provided to parents for all children at the center including school age children. Child and staff files and other required licensing documentation were found to be organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
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.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed does not have evidence of first aid, cpr, or mandatory reporter certifications.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
1. Tornado drill not documented for 1/2024.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
1. Current activity planning not posted for any rooms.
2. Schedule not posted for the blue room.

109.12(5)b: Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
1. Staff did not follow proper diaper procedures as observed in the blue room. Review diaper procedure posting with staff. Get out just the materials needed for the diaper change prior to starting (not the entire container/package of wipes), ensure diaper station is properly cleaned and disinfected and staff washes hands before starting the next diaper change.

109.15(2) Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks. Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.
1. No current menu available or posted. Ensure menu meets CACFP requirements.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Consultation has been provided to the center regarding the updated rules regarding combining different age groupings of children and what is allowed and when. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance with this moving forward.

1. Ensure first aid kit locations are all clearly labeled and that kits are not accessible to the children.
2. Ensure kitchen door is and remains closed at all times.
3. On site supervisor was reminded of the requirement to complete and document the annual emergency plan review with all staff.
4. Center appears to need general cleaning and organizing since the last licensing visit. This was reviewed with the on site supervisor.

This center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited as well as all items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.