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

Name of Center: Panorama Daycare Center **Enrollment:** 25 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52454

Street: 1301 East Church ST **City:** Panora Iowa **Zip** 50216 **County:** Guthrie

Mailing Address: PO Box 784, Panora, IA, 50216

Director's Name: Christine Litwiller **Phone Number:** 641-755-2541

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** panoramadaycarecenter@gmail.com christineah98@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-25-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-05-2024

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

Date Inspected: 02-27-2024

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

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 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	8	12	29	46	95
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 07-01-2024

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 6/25/24. The owner/director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Panorama Daycare Center is a new center located in Panora, IA that was given permission to open on 4/29/24. The center serves children six weeks in age through 12 years in age using their own learning curriculum that they developed using several other learning curriculums. There are a total of five classrooms. There are drop in services available.

The owner and director of this center is Christine Litwiller. Christine has an AA degree in Early Childhood Education and has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were observed engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations located in classrooms and washing their hands. Staff were engaged with children and sitting on the floor with children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a new center that meets a need in the community.

The owner/director is organized.

The center works regularly with CCR&R and the Family Resource Center. The director participates in quarterly meeting with other area directors of other centers.

There is a lot of storage space.

The playground space is very large.

There is a break room for staff.

The center uses the Pro-care electronic app for forms and communication with parents.

The center has a Yoga and other fitness programs for children to participate.

There is a secure entrance into the program.

The center was very clean.

There are drop in services available.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1 staff person started prior to fingerprinting being conducted. This will need to be scheduled ASAP.

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. Evacuation procedures are needed in the room that is currently an extra/overflow classroom.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
A lower cabinet lock was broken and not functioning as needed in the toddler classroom.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center will have to conduct radon testing in all classrooms no later than 4/29/25. All classrooms have to come back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. If any classroom has levels that come back 4.0 or higher, retesting is needed and with assistance of a radon mitigation specialist to get levels below 4.0. The center would then remain on a two year testing plan. If radon levels in all classrooms come back below 4.0, the center can at least temporarily move to testing every five years.

The HVAC system will need to be checked annually. This should be tested before 4/29/25.

It was noted that the carbon monoxide detector is built into the fire alarm system.

The center does not transport or go on field trips. THEY WILL NEED TO ADD THIS TO THEIR PARENT HANDBOOK. The center will bring in different agencies from time to time for presentations to children.

It was noted that one child needs to have their immunization records transferred over to a State of Iowa approved form.

For food allergies, parents need to complete the Food Allergy Action form. One was again sent to the center after the visit concluded.

Monthly playground checks will need to be conducted once the center has playground equipment. This form was also again sent to the center after the visit concluded.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed. It appears all staff have I - Power profiles. Staff will need to continue to upload their training certificates.

It is recommended no Boppy pillows be used in the infant classroom. The nasal suction devices should also not be used.

It is recommended several trees possibly be planted for extra shade on the playground. Or a shade structure could be built.

A separate monthly fire/tornado drill form should be used for school-age children.

A new, full, two-year license 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.

*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.