



<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 09-01-2020 to 09-01-2022
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCACTION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 08-25-2020

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

N/A

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

The center's annual visit was completed during the coronavirus pandemic. The center director and DHS worker reviewed IDPH and DHS recommendations for centers to plan, prepare, and respond to coronavirus disease. The center is following all guidelines put forth by the IPDH and DHS regarding the coronavirus. The center's enrollment is at 80 children.

I arrived at Birdie's Nest Child Care Center for an annual visit on 8/24/2020. All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

The directors are NaRhea Salzbrenner and Casey Smith. NaRhea has a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She also has a valid Teachers License. NaRhea opened the center in 2016. Casey has an Associate's Degree. Casey started in 2016.

The onsite supervisor is Brittney Shipman. Brittney has a Bachelor's Degree in Business. She started in 2016.

The center is for profit. The center is operated in a commercial building. The center has seven classrooms, three offices, a break room and kitchen. They accept infants to school aged children. The center is open from 6:30am to 5:30pm.

The center fire inspection was completed on 8/30/2019.

The center's curriculum is teacher created. Field trips include: parks, splash pads, and a sports complex.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center prepares/cooks snacks/meals in the center.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

-Birdie's Nest Child Care Center has been selected as one of the Top 5 Child Care Centers in the Quad Cities for the past two years by Local's Love Us.

-Birdie's Nest Child Care Center has been awarded Local Love Us in 2019 and 2020.

-The center has Quality Rating Scale Level 3.

-The center has partnered with the Davenport School District to provide preschool.

-The center lead teachers have a Bachelor's Degree, Associate's Degree or Child Development Associate.

-The director, NaRhea is in the process of completing her Master's Degree and she has a valid teacher's license.

-The center is clean, nicely decorated, and welcoming to those who enter the center.

-The center staff do an excellent job of being at the children's level. They are actively engaging the children in fun and educational learning opportunities.

-The center accepts Child Care Assistance and is on the CACFP Program.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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.

I encourage you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: <https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

I encourage you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: [https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region\\_5/](https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/)

\*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.