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

Name of Center: Romper Stompers Childcare Center **Enrollment:** 47 **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): Maulynn Jorkan **E-Mail:** krier2006@live.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-20-2023

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: 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: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 03-31-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 3/20/23. The center owner and director, Renee Krier, was not present on site for this visit. Breanna Krier is an approved on site supervisor and was present. Breanna states that Maulynn Jorkan is supposed to be the approved on site supervisor for this program, however, it was discovered that she was not currently qualified because she did not have sufficient training hours. The center director has since provided eight hours of training for Maulynn completed subsequent this visit. 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) two year old room (18 months to two years), transition room (approximately 12 months to 18 months), three/four/five year old room (three to five years), and nursery room (younger than 12 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 and blue rooms include a diapering station within the room as well. It is noted that currently the green room does not include a diapering station (it was moved to the blue room), and that room would not be able to be used again unless the diaper station is moved back. All program rooms include a hand washing sink.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves afternoon snack, dinner, and evening snack. The center employs a cook staff and all meals are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. The kitchen area was again observed to be generally clean, very 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. The center has achieved two star QRS rating through 2/28/24. Children's crafts and projects were on display throughout the center. 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:

109.6(6) Record checks. c. Iowa records checks. Checks and evaluations of Iowa child abuse and criminal records, including the sex offender registry, shall be completed before the person's involvement with child care at the center. d. National criminal history checks (3) The child care center shall provide fingerprints to the department of public safety prior to a person's involvement with child care at the center.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have evidence that the Iowa or national record checks were completed and cleared.

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 did not have first aid or cpr certification completed within the first three months of employment as required.

CHILD FILES:
109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
1. _1_ child file reviewed did not have doctor information.
2. _1_ child file reviewed did not have dentist information.
3. _1_ child file reviewed did not have hospital information.

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. Fire drills were not documented for 2/2022 through 7/2022.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. Medication (inhaler) unlabeled and accessible to children in the small plastic drawers in the blue room.
2. Clean bottles and bottle parts observed set on a paper towel next to the hand washing sink in the red room. This is not a sanitary arrangement or location for drying clean dishes.
3. Bleach/water solution for spray bottles is not being prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions. Bleach and water shall be measured according to the manufacturer's specific instructions. All spray bottles (soap, rinse, bleach, etc.) shall be clearly labeled for their contents (if bleach/water mixture then also the mix ratio instructions) and location of use. Spray bottles for the diaper stations/restrooms shall not be used in other areas.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
1. Playground inspection records could not be located for 2022.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing received 4/17/23, and report can be finished.

1. Toilet tank lid does not fit properly in the hallway restroom area. This is a topple hazard and should be fixed.
2. Several emergency plan postings throughout the center are missing the center address.
3. Hand washing procedure posting is needed at the kitchen hand washing sink. This was noted previously.
4. Diaper changing procedure posting is needed at the classroom diaper station in the blue room.

This center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the item 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.