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

Name of Center: APK Academy Eldridge **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50431

Street: 612 Parkview Dr **City:** Eldridge Iowa **Zip** 52748 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 612 Parkview Dr, Eldridge, IA, 52748

Director's Name: Shantell Wallace **Phone Number:** 563-285-7212

On-Site Supervisor(s): None **E-Mail:** shantell@apk-academy.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-13-2023

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:** 11-01-2022

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

Date Inspected: 04-30-2020

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 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	26	14	34		74
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2023 to 01-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-24-2023

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 1/13/23. The owner of this center is Teisha Campbell . The center is affiliated with other centers of similar name located in Iowa and Illinois. The approved and qualified center director is Shantell Wallace. Shantell was present along with several other staff. This center is for profit and currently serves children infant through five years. The program does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center includes the following current arrangement of program rooms: Infant 1 room (zero to approximately seven months), infant 2 room (approximately seven months through approximately 12 months, next to infant 1 room, previously the toddler room), toddler room (approximately 12 months through 23 months , across the hall from infant 1 and infant 2 rooms, previously the two year old room), two year old room (farthest back room on right side of hallway, previously the three year old room), three year old/prek room (three through five year old children, farthest back room on left side of hallway, previously four/five year old room), and "indoor gym" room (this is the front section of the large room on the right side of the center, used as a large motor area for all children). It is noted that the "indoor gym" room can have a maximum of 12 children, however, this space is not included in the license capacity for the center since it is an indoor large motor room used by all groups at the center at various times of the day.

Program rooms are generally furnished with an adequate amount of accessible items to support program needs. All program rooms include hand washing sinks within the program room and most also include restroom areas adjacent (for those with children of the toileting age). The infant one and infant two rooms also include a separate food preparation sink. Rooms with children in diapers include diaper stations near the hand washing sink. All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. Meals and snacks are prepared on site in the center's kitchen by the kitchen staff person.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director continues to appear motivated to continue improvements to the center. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The children's crafts and projects are posted throughout the center. The staff appear to work well together. The center director states the center names an "employee of the month" and staff also voted for the "teacher of the year" award. Child and staff files were found to be generally well organized. Other licensing documentation was organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
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.
_2_ staff files reviewed did not have evidence of the national record check completion.
***National record check must be submitted prior to the staff starting at the center (and every four years thereafter).

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.
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: _2_ child files reviewed did not have dentist information as required.

109.9(3) Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
_1_ certificate not valid because it is not signed and dated by the medical personnel.
_2_ expired provisional certificates are not valid
*** Valid IDPH certificate, signed and dated by the medical personnel, is required prior to the child attending the center.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. 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. Several soapy water spray bottles throughout the center observed to be cross-located. Spray bottles used for restroom areas/diaper stations must be labeled for use in this location only and should not be used for other functions. Sanitizing mixture bleach bottle is located at the restroom area in the indoor gym room.
2. Toys observed set next to the hand washing sink in the three year old/prek room. The area within 18 inches of the hand washing sink, without a sufficient barrier, is not a sanitary location to set items.

109.15(5)c: Sanitary methods are used for dishwashing sufficient to prevent transmission of disease.
Staff are currently manually washing dishes but are not following dish washing procedures to include sanitizing the dishes as required. The center director states this has been corrected subsequent the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Hand washing poster is needed at the kitchen hand washing sink, hand washing sink in the "indoor gym" room, and at the staff restroom area sink
2. First aid kit needs to be more clearly labeled in the three year old/prek room.
3. Remove wooden house structure from the smaller outdoor play area as it has become splintery in areas.
4. Organize training hours certificates in staff files so that they are filed in chronological order.
5. Ensure vehicle maintenance and inspection records are kept in the licensing binder for review.
6. Remove items stored on the diaper station(s). This area shall remain free of items so that nothing is contaminated and so that the area can be properly cleaned and disinfected.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the 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.