

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

Name of Center: Tinker Tots Preschool **Enrollment:** 66 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7382

Street: 1006 Illinois St **City:** Bedford **Iowa Zip** 50833 **County:** Taylor

Mailing Address: 1006 Illinois St, Bedford, IA, 50833

Director's Name: Linda Kreps **Phone Number:** 712-523-2411

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** tinkertotspreschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-02-2017

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X NA

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

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

Date Inspected: 09-21-2015

Comments : Date of compliance 12-3-2015.

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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:	<i>Year-round</i>	<i>School-Year</i>	<i>Summer Only</i>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	4	20	16	10	50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-01-2016 to 08-01-2018
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 05-25-2017

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Tinker Tots Preschool, Inc. on May 2, 2017. Tinker Tots is in a renovated ranch style house. It is located across the street from the Bedford Community School. This is a nonprofit center that is run by the board. The board is very supportive of the center. Linda Kreps became the director on January 3, 2017. Linda has her CDA, she is working on her bachelors degree in child care administration. She has several years experience working in the child care field. Child care services are offered to infants to school age children, Monday through Friday 6:00 am to 5:30 pm. Current enrollment is sixty six children. The center uses Pro Care for the check in of the children and staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff and children were observed in each program area.

2016/2017

Linda has been very busy working on a variety of things at the center. She was very helpful during my off year licensing visit.

Monthly staff meetings are held and there are eleven employees.

The centers Quality Rating System (QRS) has expired and Linda is in the process of reapplying.

The center is working on the curriculum, lesson plans/activities especially in the toddler room. There will be two toddler groups.

The items listed in last years licensing report as non compliant have been corrected.

The center has a texting system set up for sending reminders and information.

A half wall/gate is being built in the infant area.

Staff are working on Essentials training.

Monthly fire/tornado drills are documented.

Monthly playground inspections are documented.

Oxivir tb is used in the diaper changing areas.

Grants have been received to replace some windows and two doors.

Linda would like to find a director at another child care center to be a mentor.

The staff employs a cook who prepares the meals on site.

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

109.4(3)b: Postings are required for: Mandatory reporter requirements. Notice of availability of handbook. Program activities. These shall be posted in area frequented by parents or public.

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.
Please remove the large tv, it is a safety hazard as it is not secured.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area. One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes. Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
Additional concerns: Please consider changing the placement of your diaper changing table. You need to post a better diaper changing procedure.

Infant area - the sink for hand washing after diaper changing was being used for storage of items for a Mother's Day craft. Please review diaper changing and hand washing procedures with staff. This is a health and safety hazard and is considered cross contamination.
Remove clutter from room to allow for storage.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed. Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.
Additional concerns: Make sure all refrigerators and freezers have thermometers.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2016 to 8-1-2018.
off year licensing visit 5-2-2017.

*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.