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

Name of Center: Handicare Inc **Enrollment:** 158 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24236

Street: 2220 9th ST **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2220 9th ST, Coralville, IA, 52241

Director's Name: Laura Lage **Phone Number:** 319-354-7641

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** director@handicareinc.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-27-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-03-2022

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

Date Inspected: 10-05-2022

Comments : Does comply.

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

Financial Type: Profit X 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 X 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	75	21	98	26	220
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2022 to 12-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-27-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Handicare Inc. on 12/27/2023. The center provides care for infants-school aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday from 6:30am-6:30pm. The center has 158 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. They utilize thirteen classrooms, two large motor rooms, a multipurpose room, kitchen, staff break room and offices.

The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center's fire inspection was completed on 10/5/2022.

The director is Laura Lage. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She has been working at the center since 2002.

This worker observed all programming spaces and reviewed the curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Statewide voluntary preschool children get morning snack and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times.

The center completed radon testing as required. The center completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector installed as required.

The center's outdoor play area was inspected.

The center does offer field trips for children 3 years old and up. Examples include: museums, Sass Family Farm, Wilson's Apple Orchard, Maquoketa Caves, splash pads, etc. School aged children do get the opportunity to go swimming.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The director is Laura Lage. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She has been working at the center since 2002.
-Staff and child files reviewed were in full compliance.
-The center installed new flooring throughout the center.
-The directors office and conference room was rearranged/updated
-The center uses ProCare for open communication, billing, photos, etc.
-The center works regularly with CCR&R and their Nurse Consultant.
-The center offers a lot of staff diversity.

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

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.
-The center missed fire and tornado drills 8/2022-12/2022. Fire drills were missed in 11/2023.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Grey Rubbermaid high chairs cannot be used until the center purchases and installs new safety straps.

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.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.