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

Name of Center: Shining Bright Learning Center **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52414

Street: 1300 Metro East DR STE 106 **City:** Pleasant Hill Iowa **Zip** 50327 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1300 Metro East DR STE 106, Pleasant Hill, IA, 50327

Director's Name: Tammy Hinton **Phone Number:** 515-265-0560

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** tammy@radiantonline.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-18-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-16-2024

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

Date Inspected: 01-02-2024

Comments :

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 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	5	10	30		45
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-03-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Shining Bright Learning Center opened in February 2024. The center is located in Radiant Church. The church has a secured door. The church owns the daycare. The daycare provides child care services for children ages infancy through preschool. Tammy Hinton is the director. Tammy has experience has a director and several years of experience in the child care industry.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted in classrooms. Each classroom has age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys in place. The center uses the Bright Wheel computer app.

Tammy assisted with today's visit. Children were observed in their classrooms and in the large motor play room area. The young infant classroom had four infants present. There was one staff working in this classroom. The center added an older infant classroom. This room had four infants (ages 10 months - 18 months). There was one staff working in this class. This room has one sink in it. This was discussed during the visit. Tammy stated food prep and bottle prep is being done outside the classroom and she will ensure this continues. The early preschool classroom (2's) had nine children present. There were some children who were 18 months in the room. Three staff were working in this room. This worker had discussed that children should not be automatically moved to this room and it should only be done if it is appropriate for that child. This was discussed at the licensing visit also. Tammy said they will base moving that child up to the preschool room on an individual basis. The Preschool and PreK class (3 - 5) had twelve children present. There were three drop in children also. Drop in children attend on Tuesdays. These children were school age. There were two staff working in this room. The room was out of compliance due to some children being three years of age. Tammy said she would make changes for the three year olds to move to the Early Preschool room on Tuesdays.

The center has a kitchen area that is used for preparing snacks. The center purchases breakfast and lunch from Des Moines Public Schools. The center needs to make a snack menu and ensure staff are following the menu. One room served two grain items with water today.

The playground has fencing. There is grass and concrete areas. A shading structure is in place. The center has outdoor play materials and riding toys for children to use when outdoors.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Tammy Hinton was a director prior to coming to this daycare center. The church is very supportive of the center. There is a large room in the church that children are able to use for large motor play activities. The center is working with CCR&R to

get a Reach for the Stars grant. The center uses Bright Wheel for communication with parents and for administration purposes.

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

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
There were three year old children in a classroom with school age children today.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
One classroom served two grains for snack today.
The center needs to have a snack menu for staff to follow and serve their children.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*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.