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

Name of Center: St Joseph's Daycare **Enrollment:** 102 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19129

Street: 403 Park St **City:** Bellevue Iowa **Zip** 52031 **County:** Jackson

Mailing Address: 403 Park Street, Bellevue, IA, 52031

Director's Name: Heather Weber **Phone Number:** 563-872-3284

On-Site Supervisor(s): Megan Goedken **E-Mail:** jhweber06@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-19-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-12-2022

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 X 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	20	25	36	13	94
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 06-25-2024

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 6/19/24. The center director, Heather Weber, was present along with other staff. Heather has a Bachelor's Degree in early childhood and elementary education. The center is owned and operated by the St. Joseph's Catholic Church and School. There is a school board that oversees the school and the child care. The center uses designated space within the elementary school building. The center does provide before and after school care and non-school day school age child care for children from this school as well as for children from the public school. Heather accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the majority of the visit.

The program includes the following program rooms on the main floor of the building that are currently in use: "Big Dogs Room" (room 1123, three year old preschool school year, school age child care after school and non school days), "Little Einsteins Room" (room 1106, three/four year old preschool/child care), "Little Ducklings Room" (room 1105, 18 months through two years), and "Itty Bitty Room" (six week to 18 months). Program rooms are spacious, organized, and bright with large windows. Program rooms generally include an ample supply of materials to support program needs. The main floor includes hallway restrooms near the licensed space separated for boys and girls with several toilets/urinals/sinks in each. The Big Dogs Room and the Little Einsteins Room do each have a hand washing sink in the room, but children from these rooms all have to travel to use the restroom. The Little Ducklings Room includes one diaper station and two hand washing sinks within the program room. The room includes an adjacent toilet room. The hand washing sinks are located just outside the toilet room door. The room also includes a sink used for food preparation activities only. The Itty Bitty Room includes two diaper stations and three separate sinks, one used for food/bottle prep and dish washing activities only. There are hallway restroom areas with multiple toilets and sinks for boys and girls near the gym as well.

The children are able to use the gym area as well. The center director states that school age children currently eat lunch here.

All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Breakfast and snack items are prepared in the daycare and infant program rooms. Lunch comes from the IDPH licensed school kitchen. The license for the kitchen is current.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director has been with the center for many years and is qualified by experience and education as noted above. The program rooms are bright with windows and provide ample space for program activities. The rooms are generally well stocked with accessible materials, furnishings that appear to be age appropriate, and are generally well organized. The children's projects are displayed throughout the center. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The building appears to be clean and well maintained. The center director states the center plans to replace some of the sinks and new tables and chairs have been ordered for one of the rooms. The outdoor area has had turf surfacing installed. Licensing documentation and staff and child files were found to be highly

organized at this visit.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
1. Chemical accessible under sink cabinet in the Itty Bitty room.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Ensure first aid kit is not set where it is accessible to the children and that first aid kit locations are clearly labeled.
2. Ensure kitchen door and other storage area doors off of the gym are kept closed at all times when the gym is in use by the center.
3. The center is reminded to ensure that no staff in ratio are involved with dish/bottle washing activities.

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.