

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

Name of Center: Kid Zone, Blessed Sacrament **Enrollment:** 100 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 22502

Street: 600 Stephen Ave **City:** Waterloo **Iowa Zip** 50701 **County:** Black Hawk

Mailing Address: 600 Stephan Ave, Waterloo, IA, 50702

Director's Name: Maranda Reuter **Phone Number:** 319-236-6131

On-Site Supervisor(s): Maranda Reuter **E-Mail:** jclancy@cvcatholic.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-19-2018

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

Date Inspected: 03-18-2015

Comments :

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: Year-round School-Year Summer Only

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	12	19	64	23	118
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 03-01-2017 to 03-01-2019
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost

Date: 02-26-2018

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 02/19/18 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Kid Zone Blessed Sacrament in Waterloo. I met with Maranda Reuter, the director of the program. Jamie Clancy is the Early Childhood Coordinator for the Cedar Valley Catholic Schools. The program employs thirteen staff members. This is a program that had been operating under the Department of Education and became licensed under the Department of Human Services in March 2015. Angie Beck is the principal for Blessed Sacrament School.

The program operates out of Blessed Sacrament School. It is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am until 5:30 pm and serves children eighteen months old through twelve-years-old. The three-year-old preschool class that is licensed meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30 am. There are currently 100 children enrolled. The program had a Quality Rating System (QRS) level of 4 that expired on 12/01/17, but they are re-applying for a level 4.

The program operates out of the following rooms: Teddy Bear room (18 months through two and one-half-years-old), Explorer's room (two and one-half-years-old through three and one-half), Blessings Class (older three-year-olds), three-year-old preschool class, Alphabets (four and five-year-olds), and a school-age room. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with the children's art projects, and posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet. The children's birthdays were posted. There is an area for circle time in the rooms.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, blocks/Legos, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, listening, writing, puppets, woodworking, math, science/discovery, sensory table and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level so they were easily accessible to the children.

The three-year-old preschool class uses Creative Curriculum and some of the GOLD assessment. Jolly Phonics is also used. The child care program uses a variety of resources to develop lesson plans. Lesson plans were available for review in the rooms.

There was a phone with emergency numbers in all the classrooms, except in the three-year-old preschool room. Please post them in this area. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and diagrams were posted by the main program and outdoor exits. A daily schedule was posted in each room.

Please post handwashing procedures near the sink in the preschool room. You must add an area to document disposition on the daily sheets used in the Teddy Bears room. There is an over the counter medication for a two-year-old child that states a doctor must provide the dosage for a child under the age of six. You cannot use this medication without a doctor's note. There is also an expired Benadryl in the locked box. You cannot use expired products.

I reviewed the documentation of fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. A

radon test was completed in May 2017 and must be repeated every two years. Results were within EPA guidelines. The annual fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site outside the office and in the Blessings room. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 03/18/15. Ms. Reuter has called the fire marshal to schedule a fire inspection since it is almost expired.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ms. Reuter states they are flexible. Parents can drop off children for care and they are not required to provide schedules.

Ms. Reuter states they have flexible caring staff members.

Ms. Reuter states the program receives a lot of support from Ms. Clancy and the Cedar Valley School administration. The program works with the St. Edward Early Childhood Center and they have team meetings.

Ms. Reuter states they receive community support through the church.

Ms. Reuter states they are able to use all of the school campus, including the gym, cafeteria and playground.

Ms. Reuter states the program has a lot of resources available for use (books, toys and people).

They are a Christian program.

They offer an hourly rate for the before and after school program for the school-aged children.

There are pictures of the staff members in the entrance of the program.

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

109.9(4): Daily written records are maintained for each child under two years of age and include time periods slept, amount of/time food consumed, time/irregularities of elimination patterns, general disposition, and general summary of activities. You must add an area to document disposition on the daily sheets used in the Teddy Bears room.

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.

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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. You must add handwashing procedures near the sink in the preschool room and emergency numbers near the phone in this room.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period. Please review the report carefully and correct the concerns identified during this visit as well as concerns from the previous licensing visit.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 319-292-2429; email rfrost@dhs.state.ia.us so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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