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

Name of Center: Tracey For Tots 2 **Enrollment:** 62 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49699

Street: 2 Hartford Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2 Hartford Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50315

Director's Name: Jamicha Tracey **Phone Number:** 515-282-8681

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jahzinga Tracey **E-Mail:** traceyfortots@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-22-2023

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 X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-12-2022

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

Date Inspected: 03-03-2023

Comments : Fire Inspections are due at least every three years.

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

Financial Type: X Profit 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*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	45	21	39		105
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2022 to 06-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Debbie Hammer **Date:** 05-25-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 5/22/23. The Director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Permission to open was given to this center on 2/28/2018. Tracey for Tots 2 is family owned and operated. This is their second center to open, the first center is in Johnston and opened in 2015. Tracey for Tots 2 serves children aged 6 weeks to age 5. They will have a six year old in their program only if it is a sibling group. The hours of operation are from 6:30 am to 5:30 pm.

In April, they moved to a new location on Hartford Ave. The building was used as a child care center previously and is an old elementary school building. There are four main rooms used for child care, all enclosed. The infant room has a capacity for 22 children. The toddler room has a capacity for 23 children, the two year old classroom has a capacity for 21 children and the preschool classroom has a capacity for 50 children, however this is capped at 39 due to the number of toilets and sinks available. There are four toilets and four sinks outside of the two year old and preschool classrooms. The infant room has two sinks and the toddler room has one sink, if they go over 15 children in the toddler room they need to add another sink and changing station.

Jamicha Tracey is the Director for the center. Jamicha has several years of experience working in child care, both in-homes and centers. Jamicha has been working on a degree related to child care. Jamicha is also the director at the other center, Tracey for Tots, however is spending the majority of her time at this new center. Jahzinga Tracey is listed as the on-site supervisor. Jahzinga has a BA degree in Sports Administration and several years of experience working in the child care field.

The center creates their own lesson plans and curriculum, using a combination of curriculums found on-line.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a secure entrance.

The center has received positive feedback from families since opening.

The core staff at the center work well together and are invested in providing quality care.

The Director emphasizes communication not only between staff, but also between staff and families. The Director works with staff individually and as a group to discuss strengths and needs.

The director has been able to give staff pay raises.

The director shows staff they are appreciated and will provide food for staff and give small gifts.

The center has remained open during the pandemic and the director has worked hard to stay positive and focused on providing quality care.

The center has been able to purchase new toys and equipment.

The director has worked hard to make the new location homey and clean. The classrooms are large with a good layout and natural light from tall windows. The staff take pride in their classrooms.

The director put together All About Me binders for each preschool child.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
One staff file reviewed did not have the results for the national criminal history check, this was for a staff hired in June of 2022.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
Three child files reviewed did not have an annual update.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 3
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: Three child files reviewed did not have authorization to allow the center to secure emergency services. Two child files reviewed did not contain any information regarding a dentist.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is a part of the food program and is following the guidelines for the CACFP. The menus reflect the center is following the CACFP requirements.

The center has created a disaster kit as well as a disaster/evacuation plan.

Radon testing is now required every five years if testing is under the 4.0 cutoff. The center recently conducted radon testing and the kits have been sent in for processing.

The director will go through the child files and ensure all child files have a dentist and authorization to obtain emergency medical services, as well as an annual update. An enrollment form with all of the required information was sent to the director.

The director was trying to obtain fingerprint results from a previous employer for the staff hired in June of 2022. A fingerprint card has been sent in for processing on this staff.

The director is working on the outdoor playground which needed some updates to the fence and more mulch. The fence was being fixed on the day of the visit.

Just the week prior to the visit a car ran into the back of the building, going through a wall. The city has been out and the landlord and the wall has plywood up, the city has said they can use the classroom (the two year old classroom) and the landlord will repair the wall.

*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.