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

Name of Center: Mary J Treglia Community House Preschool **Enrollment:** 15 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50500

Street: 900 Jennings ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51105 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 900 Jennings ST, Sioux City, IA, 51105

Director's Name: Tiffany Bertrand **Phone Number:** 712-258-5137

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** education@marytreglia.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-07-2024

Licensing Visit **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:** 02-23-2023

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

Date Inspected: 05-02-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-07-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 02-07-24 and spoke with director Tiffany Bertrand. Tiffany completed her associates degree in Early Childhood in the spring of 2023 and will start her Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education this summer. Tiffany Bertrand became the director on 12-22-22. She has four years working as an teacher's aid when this program opened in 2019. Prior to that she was an in-home childcare provider.

MJTCH Preschool is located in one room of the Mary Treglia Community House in Sioux City which opened in July 2019. With the 2023/2024 school year the center operates Monday thru Thursday all day from 8:15am to 3:00pm for children ages 3-5 years old. The program became apart of the SWVPP with the 2021/2022 school year and continues to be apart of this program. The program also provides two 3 week summer sessions. This year 2024 summer session is June 10-27 and July 8-25.

There are 15 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit 13 children were present. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, and children's artwork and the alphabet. The center utilizes Creative Curriculum, Gold, IGDY, and Ages and Stages assessments. The center have applied for grant monies to add a wall in a hallway, and in another classroom to where the program will use to have lunches in, and to add privacy on the fence. They also received grant money for a washer/dryer and a dishwasher. The center follows the Sioux City School District for weather related early out or closures. The program does close for two weeks in August to get ready for the next school year. The program also received an app to help communicate with students as they have a diverse population with many different languages.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. The center's Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided thru the Sioux City School District. The center is on the food program and follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Food is stored properly as well as proper refrigeration.

Center does not administer medication. Children washed their hands before all meals. First aid kit is sufficient. Center practices fire/tornado drills monthly. Center has a working carbon monoxide detector. Radon test was completed and within normal range. Fuel burning inspection was missing at the time of the visit and needs to be completed. Center sanitizes eating surfaces before the children eat. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

Center Playground
Center has a fenced-in playground. The center had received grant money and put in poured rubber on all the area that was asphalt and installed spring of 2022. They also added a small climbing structure. The center turned a community garden into a nature play area with grass as the surface. The public no longer has access of this area which now is apart of the playground. The program partnered with the Boys Scouts who is made a stage in this area for outside reading and drama. The center has 2 umbrellas for shade. The playground surface is now poured rubber. If the center takes a field trip they

will contract with the SRTS bus. The program has a good relationship with the children and families they serve, and good staff that work well as a team. The program uses assessment tools to help with the children's academic and social successes.

Goals of the program is for the program to complete application for the IQ4K program, open another room to serve lunch, and for the director to complete her BA.

Strengths of the program is that they have a good core group of staff, regular team meetings(usually weekly), and program works with a diverse population in which they have a good relationship with. Also the program is apart of the preschool initiative program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Observed the staff to be actively engaged with the children in activities throughout the day.

Supplies are at child level and easily accessible.

Center sends home a monthly newsletter as needed otherwise they communicate via a private face book page.

Parent teacher conferences twice a year.

The center had art and craft projects on display that were done by the children.

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.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant by 03-07-24 confirming that those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards have been corrected.

A full license will remain in effect at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

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*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.