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

Name of Center: Traditions Children's Center IV **Enrollment:** 170 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19833

Street: 2555 156th St **City:** Clive Iowa **Zip** 50325 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2555 156th St, Clive, IA, 50325

Director's Name: Nicole Zahn **Phone Number:** 515-987-7467

On-Site Supervisor(s): Mikaela Thomas and Kacie Harms **E-Mail:** director@traditions4.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-05-2017

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 09-05-2017

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

Date Inspected: 02-02-2017

Comments : Clive Fire Marshal.

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 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	34	28	48	70	180
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2017 to 10-01-2019
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 09-06-2017

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A full licensing visit was conducted on 9/5/17. The Director was present throughout the visit and the Director of Operations for a portion of 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.

Traditions IV is one of several centers owned by Robert and Bonnie Netteland. This center serves children six weeks in age to 12 years in age. The center uses a combination of their own curriculum as well as the Creative Learning Curriculum. The director of this center is Nicole Zahn. Nicole has worked for Traditions for a number of years and has been the director at several other Tradition sites over that time. Mikaela Thomas and Kacie Harms are the on-site supervisors at this center. Both individuals meet the qualifications as on-site supervisors.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

All Tradition Centers and Clive Children Centers have the same owner and share the same handbooks/guidelines/policies/staff(to sub if needed) /etc.

The annual child update forms used by this program and the above programs have been frequently used by this consultant as a good example of what other centers should emulate.

A monthly newsletter is provided to parents. There is also a website and Facebook page for all of the centers.

Staff meetings are held about every other month. The directors at all of the Traditions and Clive Children Centers have monthly meetings. On-site supervisors at all of the centers also have monthly meetings.

The center is a QRS Level 4.

The center has a full-time cook on site.

The director has good organizational skills.

The building has a secure entrance and the center uses the Pro-Care system.

The center uses a walkie-talkie system for improved communications between classrooms and the office.

Individual lesson plans have been incorporated for children six weeks in age to two years in age.

Enrollment has significantly increased indicating a need in the community.

New cubbies have been purchased and installed in the infant and toddler classrooms.

If parents bring in cereal , the center will provide breakfast for children and include the milk and a fruit.

The director has her NAC certification.

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

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
There was one medication in the two year old classroom that was expired.

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. 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.
More mulch is needed around the fall zones of the climbing structure/slides on the school-age playground. THE PLAYGROUND IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.
Some of the windows were opened in classrooms, but they did not have screens on the windows. This was noticed in the two year old classroom.

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.
One record was missing complete doctor and dentist information and another file was missing complete dentist information. The name, address, and phone number is required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The new CACFP (food program) guidelines that go into effect 10/1/17 were discussed.

The new Federal mandates to State licensing that went into effect 10/1/16 were discussed. All staff but brand new staff within their first 90 days of employment have completed Essentials training. The center has created a disaster kit as well as written disaster/evacuation plans. The staff handbook has also been updated to reflect the new changes to staff training requirements.

Radon testing is due every two years and the last test was completed in 9/2015. Radon levels at that time were below the 4.0 cutoff. All rooms must be tested. The center has purchased radon kits and will be testing radon again in the very near future.

The annual furnace inspection was completed on 8/19/17.

A new, full , two-year license is recommended.

If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your consultant at 515-725-2654 or email nkneppe@dhs.state.ia.us so that we may discuss the issue. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report.
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