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

Name of Center: Under the Son Childcare **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51908

Street: 510 Date ST **City:** Schleswig Iowa **Zip** 51461 **County:** Crawford

Mailing Address: PO Box 375, Schleswig, IA, 51461

Director's Name: Stacy Jepsen **Phone Number:** 712-676-3883

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** schleswigundertheson@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-07-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 07-22-2022

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	18	10	11	9	48
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 06-25-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Under The Son Childcare on 5-7-2024. This is a new center in Schleswig Iowa. The center was funded by United Church of Christ and other entities. The center provides child care to infant age to school age children Monday - Friday 5:00 am to 6:00 pm. Stacy Jepsen is the director, she has many years of experience working in child care. I met with Stacy during my licensing visit. There are 38 children enrolled.

Observation of rooms:
The center looks great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and toys in each program room. There are three program rooms - Infant room, Toddler room and Preschool/School age room. Rooms were in ratio.
Infant room - ten children and three staff were present. The daily sheets looked good. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Please move the diaper bags so they aren't accessible to the children. Please remove storage of boxes of diapers and other items out of the diaper changing area where the children are potty training. A staff person didn't wash their hands nor the children's hands after diaper changing. Please train and review diaper changing/hand washing procedures with staff immediately.
Toddler room two to three year olds - There were six children and one staff present. The children were playing. The staff person was nurturing and attentive to the needs of the children. Lesson plans/activities were needed. Please move plastic bags so they aren't accessible to the children, this is a health and safety hazard.
Preschool - There were eight children and two staff present. The children were having fun participating in a music activity. Lesson plans/activities were needed, the staff said they were completing them today. Please train staff on preparing lesson plans/activities and review them each week.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app. They are looking at using Frog Street Curriculum.
Stacy works in ratio as needed.

Nutrition:
The kitchen looks great. Meals are prepared onsite, the center employs a cook. Menus were posted. Proper food storage was observed. Make sure you have thermometers in refrigerators and freezers.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills will be practiced and documented.
Radon testing was completed in January 2024, three tests were 1.9 pCi/L.
Oxivir Tb is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Please follow the three bottle procedure for both sanitizing and disinfecting; 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. EPA approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.

Playground:
There is a fenced playground area with a shade canopy, a stage and bench will be added
Monthly playground safety inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. The school bus provides some transportation.

Administrative records:
Child files were read - Children's files need complete emergency contact information for the doctor and the dentist - the name and phone number are required for the doctor and the dentist. Pleaser review all children's files and update with the required information.
Staff files were read and were in good order.
Stacy maintains daily contact with staff, she is always looking for new staff to hire. The center has an active board.
Monthly newsletters are provided to the families.
Stacy will begin working on IQ4K.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Stacy is very enthusiastic and proud of the center. She have excellent skills as the directors, she is organized and understands the DHHS licensing rules.
The center has an active board and community supports.
Staff had wonderful interactions with the children. Stacy has worked with Child Care Resource and Referral worker Bailey Hill and she will be applying for IQ4K.
The center has received grants for equipment and supplies.

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

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. Children's files need complete emergency contact information for the doctor and the dentist - the name and phone number are required for the doctor and the dentist. Pleaser review all children's files and update with the required information.

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.
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109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
Lesson plans/activities were needed in two rooms. Please train staff on preparing lesson plans/activities and review them each week.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2024 to 8-1-2026.

*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.