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

Name of Center: Aurelia Day Care Inc **Enrollment:** 78 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 29139

Street: 216 Ash ST **City:** Aurelia Iowa **Zip** 51005 **County:** Cherokee

Mailing Address: PO Box 745, Aurelia, IA, 51005

Director's Name: Jennifer Marshall **Phone Number:** 712-434-2521

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

Date(s) of Visit: 05-22-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-05-2023

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	19	21	20	21	81
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 06-13-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An visit was made to the Aurelia Day Care Inc. center on 05-22-24 and spoke with center director Jennifer Marshall. Jennifer Marshall became director for the center on 12-13-21. Jennifer has been with the center for 4 years, prior to coming to the center she had be an in home childcare provider for several years. The program's building was new in 2017 and is a free standing building on the campus of the Aurelia Elementary School campus. While the center has a collaborative relationship with the school it is overseen by a separate board of directors. The program provides daycare and preschool programming to infants through school age children. The preschool/school agers use a room within the school building.

The main building of the center has 3 classrooms defined by age(infant, toddler, and two/three year old room), and a fourth classroom had been used for preschoolers and school aged children which is located in the school building. The program does preschool in the main building and only uses the school classroom for the school agers during the school year and for summer. The center makes meals onsite.

There are 78 children enrolled in the program, however at the time of the visit there were 38 children present. 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. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. At the time of the visit there were cleaning products in reach of children. When brought to director/staff's attention they put them away.

The center continues in been doing some updates to the center. This past year the center added cameras to all the rooms, added new doors & flooring, replaced windows, and a new ramp and new shades. They received a grant to add a toddler playground which hopefully will be added this summer.

The program also raised rates last year and have increased staff wages. The program uses the playground application.

Center serves breakfast, lunch, and snacks on site. They are on the food program and follow the food program guidelines. Monthly Fire and Tornado drills are documented along with playground inspections. The playground has been updated and has new climbing structures, riding area, music toys, new fence, and sandbox. Surfacing is poured rubber. The playground will be looking at adding additional shade. They have a couple of young trees which help for some shade. The program teamed up with school to make improvements of to the playground. Radon testing was sent in and waiting for results. The program is all electric.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
Center does not transport. If they do field trips they walk.

Strengths of the center are that her staff work well as a team. The center has a good relationship with the families and community they serve. The center raised wages for staff. The center has good support from their board and CCRR. The center usies the Playground app for parents to log their child into the center as well as more communication with parents

throughout the day. Staff are interested in utilizing the TEACH program.

The center's goals are to get shade for the playground. The center is working on getting on the IQ4K. The program to complete infant/toddler playground. The program has new board members. To increase numbers for the school age progra 4 years and up.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has camera's in the toddler and preschool rooms.

The center uses the playground app.

The center is on the food program.

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: 3

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 2

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.
Cleaning products need to be out of reach of children.

109.15(5)a: Sufficient refrigeration is provided appropriate to perishable food.
Additional concerns: Thermometer was missing.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Discussion with Director regarding the DHS Licensing Checklist to conduct a self audit last licensing visit. Director started it however with lack of staff could not continue to work on it. It is recommended to review the checklist and do a self audit and to continue to work with CCRR for any support they may need.

It is also recommended for the center to continue working with CCRR to get on the IQ4K program, files, and assistance with the toddler/infant playground as well as support.

Director needs to email consultant by 07-08-24 confirming that all items that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time.

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

*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.