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

Name of Center: First Steps Learning Center Inc. **Enrollment:** 107 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 48848

Street: 200 Holiday RD **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 200 Holiday RD, Coralville, IA, 52241

Director's Name: Nicole Aman Assistant Director: Emily Meineke **Phone Number:** 319-351-1695

On-Site Supervisor(s): Natalia Woody **E-Mail:** firststepslearningcenter200@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-01-2022

Licensing Visit X **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:** 05-03-2021

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

Date Inspected: 03-29-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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	28	20	54	39	141
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2021 to 07-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 11-07-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at First Steps Learning Center Inc. for an annual visit on 11/1/2022. The center is for profit. The center provides childcare to preschool aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday 6:30am to 6:00pm. The center has 107 children enrolled.

The center is inside of a commercial building. The center has 7 classrooms, kitchen and an office. The center's fire inspection was completed on 3/29/22.

The director is Nicole Aman. Nicole has a Child Development Associates. She opened First Steps Learning Center in 2017.

The assistant director is Emily Meineke. Emily started at First Steps in 6/17.

The onsite supervisor is Natalia Woody. Natalia started at First Steps in 10/17.

The center's curriculum is teacher created. Pocket of Preschool is used for Preschool Aged Children.

The center offers field trips for preschool and school aged children. They have gone to the museum, PlayStation, Bloomsbury, Dan and Debbie's Creamery, parks, Old McDonald Farm, Sports Torte and pools (school aged only).

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center painted the office, infant room and room a.
-The center repaired concrete in the backyard.
-The infant/toddler playground has new fall surfacing.
-The center's classrooms are clean, well organized and nicely decorated.
-Staff files, child files and the licensing notebook were in full compliance.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.