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

**Name of Center:** Diagonal Daycare **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 26893

**Street:** 403 W 2nd ST **City:** Diagonal Iowa **Zip** 50845 **County:** Ringgold

**Mailing Address:** 403 W 2nd ST, Diagonal, IA, 50845

**Director's Name:** Sierra England **Phone Number:** 641-734-5331

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** sengland@diagonalschools.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 04-22-2024

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:** 12-03-2021

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

**Date Inspected:** 02-11-2022

**Comments :**

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 10 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 50 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 07-10-2024

**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 Diagonal Daycare on 4-22-2024 (The center was previously Tina's Tots). The program is located in the Diagonal Community School building. The center provides child care services to infants through school age children, Monday through Friday. The school provides preschool services, the children are in child care when they aren't receiving preschool services. The school is a SFL site for learning for school age children, this is a program offered through the school from 7:00 am to 8:00 am and 3:10 pm to 5:00 pm. School age children are in the child care program before and after the SFL program, in service days and during the summer.
40 children are enrolled.
The director Sierra England was gone on the day of my visit, I met with Bailey Taylor.

Observation of rooms:
There are three program areas - Infant area, the gym and the two and older room.
The gym is utilized throughout the day. One side of the gym is arranged with activity centers. There is also a large open area of the gym used for trikes, mats and large motor activities. The gym isn't air conditioned.

Infant room - there were eight children and two staff present. The Brightwheel app is used for the daily sheets, the daily sheets looked good.

Toddler room, one to two year old children - the children were having nap time. Lesson plans/activities were needed.

Two to three year old children - the children were having nap time in the gym. Lesson plans/activities were needed.

The school age children have programming in the gym. The school age children were in school at the time of my visit. The school is a SFL site for learning, this is a program offered through the school from 7:00 am to 8:00 am and 3:10 pm to 5:00 pm. School age children are in the child care program before and after the SFL program, in service days and during the summer.
The daily sheets looked good.
Staff in each room develop the lesson plan/activities. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children.
Sierra is working on the IQ4K program.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.

Nutrition:
The school provides the breakfast and lunch. The SFL Sites for Learning provide the snack. Even if you aren't on the federal food program CACFP guidelines must be followed. Menus are posted.

Health and Safety:
The medication management procedures are followed when children are prescribed medication and the medication log is used.
Fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented each month.

The annual fuel burning inspection - boiler inspection will expire in July 2024.
Since your center is in a school it is the responsibility of the Department of Education to make sure the testing is completed.
Radon test scores need to be under a 4.0 pCi/L.
Please evaluate the lead based paint annually. Refer to your handbook rule 109.11(7)a.
Sierra has met with the child care nurse consultant who was Brenda Comber and now they will be working with Heather Marsh.

Playground:
The center uses the school playground. Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The child care center doesn't provide transportation services.
Walking field trips may be taken around the community if parents have signed field trip authorizations. Ratio is increased by 1 staff on field trips. A first aid kit and emergency contacts need to be taken along.

Administrative records:
Staff and child files were read and were in good order. One child's file need emergency contact information for the dentist.
Make sure all children's file have the name and phone number for the doctor and the dentist.
Mr. McNutt is the superintendent of the school.
There are eight employees. Sierra meets with staff on an ongoing basis and has staff meetings.
A grant was received for new doors, and a Farm to Table night - the event had farm related activities, a meal and a farm theme book was given to the children.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Sierra is enthusiastic about the program.
Diagonal Daycare is an excellent resource for the community.

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

CORRECTED - 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.
Please review the bleach/water mixing instructions for sanitizing and disinfecting. You need to refer to the mixing directions on the specific bottle of bleach you are using. Please follow the three step bottle procedure; 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach water needs mixed daily and three separate sets of bottles are needed for sanitizing and disinfecting. You can consult with your child care nurse consultant about sanitizing and disinfecting product options.
Sierra reported that the mixing instructions have been corrected for sanitizing and disinfecting - she is following the instructions on the specific bottle of bleach the program is using.

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. Make sure staff are trained on completing and following lesson plans/activities. Sierra needs to review the lesson plans/activities every week.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for 2-1-2024 to 2-1-2026.

The program building was reported to be constructed in prior to 1960, therefore lead based paint should be evaluated annually. Refer to your handbook rule 109.11(7)a. for instructions on conducting a visual assessment etc.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me at 712 328-4877; email kdegeor@dhs.state.ia.us so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your

record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.
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