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

Name of Center: Gregory & Suzie Glazer Burt Boys & Girls Club **Enrollment:** 186 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50944

Street: 2500 Forest Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50311 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1421 Walker St, Des Moines, IA, 50316

Director's Name: Neisha Taylor **Phone Number:** 515-271-4560

On-Site Supervisor(s): Anna Redeker **E-Mail:** ntaylor@bgcci.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-21-2025

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:** 04-02-2024

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

Date Inspected: 09-05-2023

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years 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				225	225
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-01-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The Gregory & Suzie Glazer Burt Boys & Girls Club was built in 2019. It is a single standing building with a secured entrance. This center provides services for elementary school, middle school age through high school. The center has separate areas for the three age groups. This center provides child care services and became licensed through HHS in February 2020. Mandatory postings are in place. The center has an outdoor playground space, basketball court and gym that the child care center uses. The cafeteria and kitchen areas are on the main level and this space is used by all ages groups. The center has specified times so age groups are kept separate. Neisha Taylor is the executive director of Boys & Girls Club. Anna Redeker is the on site supervisor.

The HHS licensed area has several classrooms designated for various activities: dance studio, IPAD room, music room, reading/video room, gaming area, computer lab, music/recording studio, play area as well as the cafeteria/kitchen, gym and playground. The classrooms have age appropriate supplies and furnishings. Today's schedule/lesson plan was posted in several areas. The center is open from 2:30 - 7:00pm during the school year and 7:30 - 5:30 pm during the summer.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Anna was present and she assisted with the visit. There were twelve staff working today. There were ninety three children in attendance. Children are divided into smaller groups by age/grades: Red (Kindergarten), Orange (1st grade), Yellow (2nd and 3rd grade), Green (3rd grade), Blue (3rd and 4th grade), Purple (5th grade). These groups rotate through the program rooms. Children were observed today indoors in programs rooms and on the playground. Staff were observed to be actively engaged with the children throughout the visit.

The center has a kitchen and cafeteria that is used as a center as well as where children eat. Staff and children use the area to make simple snacks as part of center activities. Children are served snack and dinner during the school year. Breakfast and morning snack are also served during the summer. The center has a contract with Drake University for meals. Menus were reviewed. Snack served today was carrots, ranch dressing and milk.

The center has a fenced in playground. There is various surfacing as there is climbing structures, a basketball court and other outdoor play equipment. Monthly playground checks have been completed.

The Boys and Girls Clubs owns several vehicles that are used for field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has spacious programming space for the children. Children are provided snack and dinner daily during the school year. Large motor play activities are included in daily programming through the use of the playground and gym. The center has a nice variety of activities available for children.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) 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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