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

Name of Center: Bob and Billie Ray Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 110 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27349

Street: 401 NE 66th AVE **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50313 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 401 NE 66th AVE, Des Moines, IA, 50313

Director's Name: Cassidy Lecroy **Phone Number:** 515-309-2376

On-Site Supervisor(s): Christina Pulley **E-Mail:** cjlecroy@eastersealsia.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-09-2024

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:** 06-14-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-30-2023

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 School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	24	24	80		128
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

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: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 07-14-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Bob and Billie Ray Child Development Center is located on the Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside Campus. This program has been in operation since 2002. The center serves children ages infancy through eight years of age. The center is located in a single standing building with a secured entrance. The center moved into a new building located on campus on 10/12/21. The building was built specifically for the child care center. Cassidy has been the director since 2012. Cassidy has a BS in Early Childhood Education. Christina has been the on site supervisor since 2012. Christina has a BA in Elementary Education.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. The center is using nine classrooms. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies. Classroom schedules and current lesson plans are posted by classrooms.

Cassidy and Christina assisted with today's visit. Curious Clubs (young infants) had seven infants present. Two staff were working with this class. Energetic Elephants (older infants) had seven infants present. Two staff were working with this group. Busy Bees (toddlers) had seven children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. Zany Zebras (toddlers) had eight children present. Two staff were working in this room. Lovable Lemurs (2's) had ten children present. Two staff were working with this class. Cuddly Koalas (2/3's) had thirteen children present. Two working with in this classroom. Great Giraffes (3's) had fourteen children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. Jumping Jaguars (3/4's) had thirteen children present. Two staff were working in this class. Brainy Boas (4/5's) had sixteen children in attendance. Two staff were working in this room.
Children were observed in the classrooms and also outdoors. Children were observed during small group activities as well as individual, child led activities. Staff were observed to be actively engaged with children throughout the visit.

There is a full kitchen at Camp Sunnyside. The daycare serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus reflect CACFP standards are followed. Menus are on a four week rotation.

There is a playground located right beside the daycare. This daycare is used by the toddlers and young 2's. There is poured surfacing and fencing around the playground. There are some small climbing structures. The daycare is adding some shading structures. Children ages older 2's and up use a playground that is located closed to the daycare. This playground also has poured surfacing and has some climbing structures. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center stays on site and doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center participates in IQ4K and has a four star rating. The center's building is spacious and has a large motor play classroom for children to have large motor play activities on inclement weather days. Lead teachers either have bachelor college degrees or associate degrees. The center has some unique outdoor play and learning opportunities for the children.

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

109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
One staff had overdue federal record check.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This 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 515-725-2635; email mlarson@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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