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

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Holy Cross St Michael's Center **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51171

Street: 4105 Harrison St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51108 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: PO Box 2129, Sioux City, IA, 51104

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews **Phone Number:** 712-277-3600

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amelia Williams McCarthy **E-Mail:** jandrews@siouxlandship.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-20-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-07-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-09-2022

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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				30	30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2022 to 04-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 04-12-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 03-20-23 and spoke with Brooke Gilreath new lead worker as Michaeleen Lamson had resigned. Also spoke with onsite supervisor Amelia Williams-McCarthy who has several years of experience working with children. Beyond the Bell Holy Cross is an after school program located in the Holy Cross elementary school. Beyond the Bell took this afterschool program beginning with this school year 2020 from the school. The program utilizes the gym and art room. The program is operated by the Beyond the Bell organization only in the afternoons Monday 2:30pm to 6pm, Tuesday through Friday 3:30pm to 6pm. The program serves children Preschool to 5th grade. There is a buzzer outside the building to get into the school and the Beyond the Bell program. Staff meet people at the door to gain access to the program.

There are 27 children enrolled in the program. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground/gym observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use. The program needs to move their posting board to an area where parents are able to view.

The program divides the children up into two groups; PK to 2nd grade and 3rd to 5th grade and rotate them through the gym and art room throughout the day. The program has centers stored in totes in their storage area and set up different ones each day at tables in a classroom. The program has following activities/centers that they children can utilize: art, books, games, crafts, puzzles and legos. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. The program had sufficient amount of equipment and toys for the children. Staff files will be reviewed at a later date as they are located at the main office. There was a cleaning product to where children could reach. Cleaning products needs to be out of reach of children.

The Beyond the Bell provides snacks and milk. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition. The children use tables for eating snacks. Center currently does not administer any medication. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month.

The center has a large fenced-in playground that they share with Holy Cross elementary school. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. Woodchips surround the play equipment. Monthly playground completed. Shade is available on the playground. They also utilize the large gym. Radon needs to be completed. Annual furnace inspection was completed and in good working order.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
School bus if they do any fieldtrips however, they have not done any field trips for the last couple of years.

Goals of the program is to increase in numbers as well as return special clubs and activities back into the program. Also to get creative or flying classroom curriculum to help teachers be engaged with the children.

Strengths of the program is that staff have a good relationship with the children/families and school. They are structure and use STEM activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff work well as a team.

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

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

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 1

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.
Children had access to a cleaning product.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide a written response that items needing corrected have been completed by 05-07-23.

A full license is recommended at this time 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.