

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

Name of Center: Sunshine Day Care Center **Enrollment:** 35 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25599

Street: 110 NE Grant St **City:** Greenfield **Iowa** **Zip** 50849 **County:** Adair

Mailing Address: 110 NE Grant St, Greenfield, IA, 50849

Director's Name: Rachel Tener **Phone Number:** 641-743-2866

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** sunshinedc95@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-18-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 01-25-2023

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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	15	2	40	10	67
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 05-30-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made on 4-18-224. Sunshine Daycare Center is a center located in Greenfield, IA. The center provides child care to infant age to school age children. Brittany Smith was the director at the time of my visit, she stated her last day of employment is 5-3-2024. Brittany began working at the center on March 13, 2023. The center is non-profit and overseen by a Board. The center closed for a period of time to re organize, complete some remodeling/new appliances and they re opened in March 2023.

There are 35 children enrolled.

I met with Brittany Smith during my licensing visit. The center hired a new director named Rachel Tener.

Observation of rooms:

The program rooms look nice. Brittany was in ratio in the infant room on the day of my licensing visit, she said she is in ratio a lot. There were seven children in the infant room with two staff. The staff were attentive to the needs of the children. The daily sheets are on the Brightwheel app. A staff person didn't wash her hands or the child's hand after diaper changing. I told Brittany and the other staff person that training was needed on the diaper changing/hand washing procedure - this is a repeat violation from last year.

There were six children with one staff in the two to four year old room. The children were playing. The staff person was very confused about sanitizing and disinfecting and said they use the same amount of ammonia for sanitizing and disinfecting 3 tsp. to 25 ounces of water. Lesson plans/activities were needed. Brittany stated they are looking for a new curriculum.

I reviewed ratio requirements requirements and separation of ages that are required. Please refer to your licensing handbook for ratio and age separation requirements.

Brittany stated they would be separating the children by age groups in the large room. This needs corrected immediately.

The center has a basement which provides additional storage for toys and other items. In addition, staff and children can use the basement area in the event of a tornado.

Nutrition:

The center participates in the federal food program (CACFP). Brittany reported that she prepares the meals. Menus were posted.

Health and safety:

Monthly fire/tornado drills were practiced and documented.

Radon testing is needed. The last radon testing information I have is from September 2021, three tests had a result of 0.3 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every two years in each program room (If scores are over a 4.0 pCi/L you will need to contact the radon specialist with the Iowa Department of Public Health). Please email me your current radon test results. If your center has fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection. I didn't see a fuel burning inspection during my licensing visit.

The center is using Ammonia for sanitizing and disinfecting. Please contact your child care nurse consultant to make sure this is an approved product for child care for sanitizing and disinfecting and review the mixing instructions. The staff person

was very confused about sanitizing and disinfecting/dwell times and said they use the same amount of ammonia for sanitizing and disinfecting 3 tsp. to 25 ounces of water.

Please use the 3 step bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Mix according to the bottle for sanitizing and disinfecting.

Please discuss with your child care nurse consultant other products for sanitizing and disinfecting that don't need to be mixed i.e. Oxivir tb, Purell surface etc.

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Playground:

Brittany reported they are making renovations to the playground this month May, 2024. They are adding turf to the infant playground area. Monthly playground safety inspections were documented.

Transportation:

No daily transportation services are provided. The center takes walking field trips around the area.

Administrative records:

Staff files were read - files needed physicals (staff physicals must be on the required DHHS staff physical form). Training for staff couldn't be located. Please review all staff files and have them updated with the required information.

Child files were read and were incomplete - some files needed current physicals, and several children's files needed emergency contact information for the dentist. I couldn't locate the children's immunization records. Review all child files and have them updated with the required information. You need to make sure all files have complete information for the doctor and the dentist - name and phone number are required.

The center works closely with the board and monthly board meetings are held. Please have regular staff meetings to review licensing rules, staff expectations, concerns the staff have etc.

The center receives grants for equipment and supplies.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your center is an excellent resource for the community.

Brittany was helpful during my visit.

The center has hired a new director - Rachel Tener.

Renovation are being done on the playground.

The center has received grants.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

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109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.

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109.10(7): Staff hand washing: The center shall ensure staff demonstrate clean personal hygiene. Staff shall wash hands: Upon arrival at the center. Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity. After diapering a child. Before leaving the rest room either with a child or by themselves. Before and after administering nonemergency first aid if gloves are not worn. After handling animals or cleaning cages.

109.10(8): Children's hand washing: Center shall ensure staff assist children in personal hygiene. For each infant or child with a disability, a separate cloth for washing and one for rinsing may be used in place of running water. Children's hands shall be washed: Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity. After using the restroom or being diapered. After handling animals.

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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. The center is using Ammonia for sanitizing and disinfecting. Please contact your child care nurse consultant to make sure this is an approved product for child care for sanitizing and disinfecting and review the mixing instructions. The staff person was very confused about sanitizing and disinfecting and said they use the same amount of ammonia for sanitizing and disinfecting 3 tsp. to 25 ounces of water. Please use the 3 step bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Mix according to the bottle for sanitizing and disinfecting. Please discuss with your child care nurse consultant other products for sanitizing and disinfecting that don't need to be mixed i.e. Oxivir tb, Purell surface etc.

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. Brittany stated they are looking for a new curriculum.

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.

109.11(7)c All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034. Radon testing is needed. The last radon testing information I have is from September 2021, three tests had a result of 0.3 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every two years in each program room (If scores are over a 4.0 pCi/L you will need to contact the radon specialist with the Iowa Department of Public Health). Please email me your current radon test results. If your center has fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection. I didn't see a fuel burning inspection during my licensing visit.

Please send me an email by Friday June 28.2024 and let me know how the items listed above have been corrected.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 4-1-2023 - 4-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 4-18-2024.

I talked with Rachel Tener on the phone, she is excited to be the new director and welcomes resources to help her learn the DHHS licensing rules.

Greenfield Iowa suffered a devastating tornado on 5-21-2024. Although the center didn't have damage many staff who work at the center and families who attend the child care center suffered devastation to their homes.

I am recommending that you work with your Child Care Resource and Referral worker Michelle Greenough on lesson plans/activities, activity centers, review of diaper changing procedure/hand washing, sanitizing and disinfecting, child files/staff files, radon testing, etc.

Please send me an email by Friday June 28.2024 and let me know how the noncompliance areas have been corrected.

*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.

