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

Name of Center: Diamond Trail Children's Center **Enrollment:** 82 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 16303

Street: 301 East St **City:** Lynnville Iowa **Zip** 50153 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: PO Box 146, Lynnville, IA, 50153

Director's Name: Brenda Denmark **Phone Number:** 641-527-2200

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** diamondtrail@netins.net

Date(s) of Visit: 05-05-2025

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:** 03-25-2024

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

Date Inspected: 09-12-2024

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 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	17		21	32	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 05-14-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Diamond Trail Children's Center has been in operation since September 2005. This center provides child care for children ranging from infancy to school age children. The center occupies the majority of a single standing building. The center has one classroom that is used by the public school for the Universal PreK program. Brenda Denmark is the director. Brenda has been employed at the daycare since 2014. Brenda has been the director since August 2023.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Schedules are posted by classrooms entrances. There were current lesson plans posted, "Mother's Day/Mom". Classrooms have age appropriate furnishings, toys and supplies. Children's artwork is displayed on walls.

Brenda assisted with today's visit. The infant classroom had eight infants present. Two staff were working in the infant classroom. The toddler classroom had three children present. One staff was working in this classroom. The Little Tykes (2's/3's) had had twenty children in attendance. There were three staff working with these children. The Big Tykes (4's/5's) had ten children present. One staff was working with this class. Children were observed during individual play activities, during transition times and during rest time. Staff were observed to be assisting and supporting the children throughout the visit.

The center doesn't participate in CACFP at this time. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed and show compliance with CACFP requirements.

The center has some fencing around majority of the playground. The center is adding a border to help secure mulch from being washed away from the playground. Surfacing wasn't sufficient today as there wasn't enough depth in some areas that was required. Wood mulch has been ordered and is being added. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't take off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Brenda has worked closely with CCR&R since becoming director. The center is very supported by the community. The center works with the school district for their universal preschool classroom.

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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