

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

**Name of Center:** Inertia Boys and Girls Center Inc      **Enrollment:** 100      **License ID No.** 20215  
(Reapplications)

**Street:** 1128 Fulton ST      **City:** Keokuk      Iowa **Zip** 52632      **County:** Lee

**Mailing Address:** 1128 Fulton ST, Keokuk, IA, 52632

**Director's Name:** Sarah Scott      **Phone Number:** 319-524-5060

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Jay Scott      **E-Mail:** joe@inertiacecenter.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 04-20-2018

X    **Licensing Visit**      X    **Unannounced Visit**      **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**      **State** X    **Local** NA    **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X    **Yes** No    **NA**

**Date Inspected:** 09-13-2017

**Comments :** conducted by Keokuk Fire Department Edward H. Lowe, due annually

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

**Financial Type:** X    Profit      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      X    Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** X    Year-round      School-Year      Summer Only

<b>HOURS:</b>	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
<b>LICENSE CAPACITY</b>	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	12	30	36	86
Summer					0

**QRS Rating:** N/A

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b>	
X	<b>FULL</b> license from 05-01-2018 to 05-01-2020
	<b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from
	<b>DENIAL</b> of initial application
	<b>SUSPENSION</b> of license
	<b>REVOCACTION</b> of license

Licensing Consultant: Jill Seibert

Date: 05-01-2018

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Inertia Boys and Girls Center, Inc., is located in a very large commercial building that was formerly a grocery store in a residential area of Keokuk. The center was founded in November, 2004 to provide Child care services to the Tri State Area of IA, IL, and MO.

The Inertia Center is located at 1128 Fulton St. Keokuk, IA. The center is owned and operated by Inertia Boys and Girls Center, Inc., a private, for profit corporation owned and operated by Sarah and Jay Scott. Joseph and Jacqueline Scott, other family members formerly owned the business. The director is Sarah Scott. Ms. Scott has a AA from Southeastern Community College, 20 years in child care total. She has 9 years of in home child care experience, and 5 years of experience as director of Inertia Center. Onsite supervisors are Joe (Jay) Scott and Laura Ellingboe. The center has gradually expanded and improved the building and the outdoor play area to accommodate increasing enrollment.

On 4/20/2018 I made an unannounced licensing visit to Inertia Boys and Girls Center, Inc., and met with Director Sarah Scott and other staff members. At the time of the visit, staff was actively engaged in providing the child care program to the children. The date of the visit all program areas were observed.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center sends a quarterly newsletter to parents.

The center provides dental screening and fluoride varnish services to the children in cooperation with Lee County Public Health Department.

The Keokuk Fire Department visits the center and provides a fire safety program to preschool age children.

The building is sprayed for pests annually.

The Center purchased a neighboring lot 4 years ago. They would like to put a garden here.

The center has had regular contact with IPDH and CCR&R this past year.

The center is working toward a level 3 for QRS.

The center reports being audited recently by CACFP with good results.

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

1. 109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs. Some files did not have annual updates conducted. A few physicals were outdated.

2. 109.1 (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.

Stationary play equipment has some broken pieces of plastic that could cause injury, such as the car has not yet been fixed (this was cited last year). The company has been contacted that sold the equipment to the center. Mulch is low in some areas under climbing equipment due to washing away. The fence is loose on the bottom and could be a potential entrapment hazard. Wooden tables in the area are deteriorating. The Director stated these were going to be removed or repaired if possible. The fire inspection was approved and sent to me on 5/1/2018.

3. 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. Radon testing is overdue, but the Director agreed to test within 30 days.

## **V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

\*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 641-684-3949; email [jseiber@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:jseiber@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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