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

Name of Center: Traditions Children's Center IV **Enrollment:** 136 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19833

Street: 2555 NW 156th ST **City:** Clive Iowa **Zip** 50325 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2555 NW 156th ST, Clive, IA, 50325

Director's Name: Nicole Zahn **Phone Number:** 515-987-7467

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ashley Rench, Erin Weaver, Ashley Thompson, Jennifer Lopez **E-Mail:** director@traditions4.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-28-2023

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:** 07-28-2023

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

Date Inspected: 05-31-2023

Comments : Clive Fire Marshal.

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

Financial Type: X Profit 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	34	28	48	70	180
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 07-31-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 7/28/23. The director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Traditions IV is one of several centers owned by Robert and Bonnie Netteland. This center serves children six weeks in age to 12 years in age. The center uses a combination of their own curriculum as well as the Creative Learning Curriculum. The director of this center is Nicole Zahn. Nicole has worked for Traditions for a number of years and has been the director at several other Tradition sites over that time. Ashley Rench, Erin Weaver (formerly Klinkhammer), Ashley Thompson, and Jennifer Lopez are the on-site supervisors at this center. All four individuals meet the qualifications as on-site supervisors.

During the visit, children were observed in a variety of activities that washing their hands, doing crafts, engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up in classrooms, and napping. Staff were involved in all child activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

All Tradition Centers and Clive Children Centers have the same owner and share the same handbooks/guidelines/policies/staff(to sub if needed) /etc.

The annual child update forms used by this program and the above programs have been frequently used by this consultant as a good example of what other centers should emulate.

A monthly newsletter is provided to parents via the center's electronic app. There is also a website.

Staff meetings are held every month. The directors at all of the Traditions and Clive Children Centers have monthly meetings.

Good child/staff interactions were observed throughout the visit.

The director has good organizational skills and has her NAC certification.

The building has a secure entrance and the center uses the Pro-Care system for signing in/out. There is also an outdoor security camera.

There is an electronic application used for daily sheets (Pro-Care).

The center uses a walkie-talkie system for improved communications between classrooms and the office.

Individual lesson plans have been incorporated for children six weeks in age to two years in age.

If parents bring in cereal, the center will provide breakfast for children and include the milk and a fruit.

Enrollment remains steady.

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

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 0
Number invalid: 1 immunization record was not dated.

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips.
All first-aid kits should be labeled.

109.11(5): Telephone: Working non-pay phone with posting adjacent for emergency numbers for police, fire, and poison control center. Center street address and phone included in posting. List of emergency numbers for children kept near phone.
In the three year old room, this posting was missing.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last conducted 7/21/23- 7/24/23. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual furnace inspection was last completed 8/31/22 so it is again coming due soon.

The center has several buses that they use to transport children to/from school and for field trips. Children five and older are eligible to go on field trips.

I-Power and IQ4K were again discussed at the visit.

A seizure action plan was emailed to the director after the visit concluded.

The director emailed this consultant after the visit to inform him the below standards had already been corrected.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The director mailed in the application and payment on 7/28/23 after the visit concluded.

*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.