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

Name of Center: Bill Reagan Children's Center **Enrollment:** 24 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49264

Street: 2620 Muscatine Ave **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52240 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2620 Muscatine Ave, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Jenny Winegarden **Phone Number:** 319-351-5017

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** jennywinegarden@arcsei.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-01-2022

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:** 01-04-2022

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

Date Inspected: 09-08-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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	10	12	12	17	51
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2022 to 02-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-01-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at Bill Regan Children's Center for an annual visit on 12/1/2022. The center is nonprofit. The center provides childcare for infants to school aged children. They have 24 children enrolled. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 6:00pm.

The center is inside of The Arc of SE Iowa. The center has three classrooms, an office and a kitchen. The center's fire inspection was completed on 9/8/2022.

The director is Jenny Winegarden. Jenny has a Bachelor's Degree in Music. Jenny has been with the Arc of SE Iowa since 2015.

The center offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

The center uses Creative Curriculum.

The center does not offer field trips.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-Child files were in full compliance.
-Staff were all actively involved with the children.
-Staff in the infant room were very aware of adaptive and medical needs.
-The center offers services to children of all developmentally capabilities.
-The center works with outside agencies like CCR&R, 4cs and AEA.
-The center's website can be found at: https://www.arcsei.org/inclusive-day-care/
-The center uses the HiMama App for open parent communication.

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.
-One employee needed a physical.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and

documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
-Fire and tornado drills were not documented in 2022.

109.10(16)a: The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.
-Infant Room staff did not know how many children were in their care. They gave me the wrong information twice prior to giving me the accurate number of children by counting. It is vital that staff know exactly how many children are in their care at all times.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Balloons are a choking/suffocation hazard to children under the age of 8 years. These should not be used in a child care center.
-Adaptive equipment is a safety concern. Strings and cords (such as those that are parts of toys and those found on window coverings) long enough to encircle a child's neck should not be accessible to children in child care.
https://nrckids.org/CFOC/Database/3.4.6.1
https://www.cpsc.gov/PageFiles/122499/5100.pdf
-The center has a bumbo seat on an elevated surface with wheels. This does not follow the manufacturer's instructions. Per the manufacturer's instructions: http://prodreg.bumbousa.com/assets/bumbo-floor-seat-instruction-manual.pdf
-Staff purses and backpacks were accessible to the children. These must be stored inaccessible to children at all times:
https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf
-White out, cleaning supplies and water beads must be stored inaccessible to children.
https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/Water-Beads-Harmful.aspx
-Medications and Emergen-C must be stored inaccessible to the children.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.
-An infant was allowed to sleep in an adaptive chair. An infant was also allowed to sleep in a crib with a boppy pillow under the mattress. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.
-The center is encouraged to review:
https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/128/Infant%20Safe%20Sleep%20Policy%2007202022%20final.pdf
https://safetosleep.nichd.nih.gov/

109.15(5): Food preparation and storage procedures are consistent with NHSPS.
-Food was found throughout the center. Food must be stored appropriately. To prevent contamination by insects and rodents, food and food service items should not be stored on the floor. Ideally, items should be stored 4-6 inches off the floor, as this will also aide in the proper
cleaning and disinfecting of the kitchen area. Storage areas for food items should be dry and well ventilated to prevent mold and other contamination. They should be stored in their original containers or in spill-proof, tightly covered containers. Products that are commercially-sealed do not need to be twice protected in another container. However, food should be transferred to a lidded container or resealed in the original package.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.