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

Name of Center: Story Time Preschool & Child Care **Enrollment:** 41 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30118

Street: 2016 S Cecelia ST **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 2016 S Cecelia ST, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Kim Storey-Geisler **Phone Number:** 712-276-1114

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amber Davis **E-Mail:** storytimepreschool@hotmail.com mgeisler95@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-21-2024

Licensing Visit **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:** 02-07-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-16-2023

Comments :

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	16	46		12	74
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 04-01-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Story Time on 3-21-24 and spoke with new onsite supervisor Amber Davis as Kim Storey, director was not present. Ms. Storey has a four year early education degree and several years of experience working with children. Amber Davis has worked for the center since 2018 and is currently enrolled at WITCC for Early Childhood. Ms. Davis became the onsite supervisor in August 2023. Story Time Preschool is housed in a large building that had previously been a church. The center has two levels. The upstairs has a two year old room, three year old and 4 year old preschool room/school age room for children. The downstairs has an infant room, a play area and a dining area. The program operates Monday through Friday 6:30am to 5:30pm. They currently are not doing preschool at this site due to low numbers. The program serves infants to school age children.

There are 41 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 34 children present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues cleaning toys that children use.

The infant room has a variety of toys, books and equipment in the infant room. Sufficient number of toys and equipment for the number of infants that the room can accommodate. The infants are provided with good stimulation and nurturance throughout the day. Staff had good interactions with the infants and attended to their needs throughout the day. Room is arranged to provide a safe environment for infants. Toys are accessible to the children. Children have access to a changing table in the room. Observed staff talking to the children throughout the day, feeding the children, holding the children, and playing with the children.

The two year old room has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: Blocks, toys, balls, hula hoops, stuffed animals, legos and books. During this visit observed the children watching playing. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, numbers, shapes and the alphabet.

The three year old room had sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were the colors and numbers.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Meals and snacks are prepared in a kitchen area that is separated from the program area. Refrigerators are clean, however, a thermometer was was missing. When brought to the onsite's attention she was going to obtain a thermometer to make sure they have appropriate temperature. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted. The center participates in the CACFP program.

Center Health & Safety
Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries although one is needed

in the two year old room. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon tests need to be complete for all child occupied rooms and was missing in the 2 year old room. Annual heating inspection has been completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Children that slept on mats need to have a cover on the mats for children to sleep on.

Center Playground
There are two fenced-in playground areas, one for the older children and one for the younger children. Monthly playground inspection completed. Shade is available on the playground. The playgrounds have a playhouse, climbing equipment and slides. Shredded rubber is around all the play equipment. Surfacing needed to be racked and evened out in both playgrounds. There were some tarp exposed under the surfacing which needed to be covered and more surfacing added. Also both playgrounds needed cleaned up prior to children going out to play. The exterior door to older playground did not shut all the way unless you pulled on the door. Door should be looked at for proper closer. Also there was a wooden plank by the door which could be a tripping hazard and wires on a green fence by the door exposed. Ms. Davis stated she will have it looked at and were in the process of cleaning up the playgrounds from the winter.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center has one van for transporting the children to/from school and for field trips. Van maintenance records needed to be updated. Parent permission forms are completed for children who leave the center for field trips.

Center Administrative Records
All the required postings were visible. The center's discipline practices consist of talking to the children and time out.

Goals for the center to get more organized, more staff, cameras fixed, as well as to get the center organized and decluttered. Continue in updating the centers and playground. Also to get on the IQ4K program.

Strengths of the center are they center has a good core group of staff. Staff has a good relationship with the children and families that they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

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

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
Number not in compliance: 4

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 2

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.
Number not in compliance: 2

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.
Number not in compliance: 4

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.
Number not in compliance for medical: 1
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: Information was either missing or outdated.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 1

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.

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.

109.15(5)a: Sufficient refrigeration is provided appropriate to perishable food.
Additional concerns: Thermometer was missing in the freezer

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The program is updating their files due to change in staffing.

Please email consultant when all aspects below standards are completed by 05-10-24.

It is encouraged for the new onsite supervisor/director to work with CCRR with curriculum, room arrangements, files, and trainings.

A full license will remain in effect at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.