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

Name of Center: Handicare Inc **Enrollment:** 123 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24236

Street: 2220 9th ST **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2220 9th ST, Coralville, IA, 52241

Director's Name: Laura Lage **Phone Number:** 319-354-7641

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melissa Miller **E-Mail:** director@handicareinc.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-16-2022

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:** 10-03-2022

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

Date Inspected: 10-05-2022

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	75	21	98	26	220
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2022 to 12-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-20-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at Handicare Inc. for an annual visit on 12/16/2022. The center is nonprofit. The center provides child care for infants to school aged children. The center has 123 children enrolled. The center is open Monday-Friday 6:30am-6:30pm.

The center is inside of a commercial building. They currently use thirteen classrooms, two large motor rooms, supply room, laundry room, material closets, staff break room and four offices. The center's fire inspection was completed on 10/5/22.

The director is Laura Lage. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Education. She has been working at the center since 2002.

The onsite supervisor is Melissa Miller. Melissa started in 2010.

The center uses Iowa Early Learning Standards and Creative Curriculum to develop their curriculum.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

The center does offer field trips. Some examples include: Apple Orchard, Pumpkin Patch, Sass Family Farm, Grocery stores, swimming and parks.

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:

-The center installed new flooring in four classrooms. The center will be installing new flooring throughout.
-The center is remodeling their playground. The new design will allow for children under two to have one space and children over two to have another space. Sand area, swing, amphitheater, musical instruments, basketball court, etc. will be in the outdoor play area.
-The center offers a lot of staff diversity.
-The center partners with the University of Iowa, Goodwill Industries, CCR&R, Area Education Agency, Lions Club, Tippy Toes and Music for Tots.
-The center maintains 12 hours of child care services.
-The center has done a variety of fundraisers: Scratch Cupcakes, CozzySheets, Original Works, Midwest Mixes and Best of Iowa Meals.
-The center did Trunk or Treat, games and pumpkin decorating contests with the families they serve.
-The center is a locked facility.
-The center uses ProCare for open communication.

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

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 have not been documented since July.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-In the school age classroom there were sunscreens, perfect plaster, a staff purse, heavy duty blades, cleaning supplies and white out accessible to children.
-In the Creators classroom there was some cleaning supplies accessible to the children.

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.