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

**Name of Center:** Wee Bearz Child Care Inc **Enrollment:** 126 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50589

**Street:** 5191 Maple Dr, Suite H **City:** Pleasant Hill Iowa **Zip** 50327 **County:** Polk

**Mailing Address:** 5191 Maple Dr, Suite H, Pleasant Hill, IA, 50327

**Director's Name:** Ashley Hoyle **Phone Number:** 515-263-3503

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Kayla Simons **E-Mail:** weebearzchildcare@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 05-09-2023

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:** 05-03-2023

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

**Date Inspected:** 06-08-2020

**Comments :** 6/10/20 date of compliance

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 38 | 24 | 54 | 45 | 161 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 3

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 05-31-2023

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

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

Wee Bearz Child Care has been open since 1999. The center is located in a strip mall. The center occupies the majority of the space within the strip mall. The center has a hallway that has established one main entrance for the center with secured doors. There is a security system in place. There are cameras in all classrooms and entryway. Wee Bearz serves children ages infancy through school age. The center is owned by Zack Bolin, Noelel Bolin and Blaine Bolin. Ashley Hoyle is the director. Ashley has been employed with Wee Bearz since 2004. She has served as director since 2015. Kayla Simons is the on site supervisor. Kayla has been employed with the center since 2015.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Ashley was present and she assisted with the visit. All areas subject to HHS licensing standards and rules were reviewed. All program rooms were observed. Mandatory postings were in place at the station where parents check in children. Classrooms are adequately furnished with age appropriate furnishings and toys.

The infant classroom had eight infants present. Two staff were working with the infants. The 1's classroom had ten children present. There were three staff working in the 1's class. The 2's classroom had ten children in attendance. There were two staff working with this age group. The 3's class had eleven children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The preschool room had fifteen children in attendance. Two staff were working with this group. The school age classroom didn't have children present. Schedules were posted in the classrooms except the preschool room. Lesson plans were posted or available in the classrooms. Some children were observed having snack. Some children were observed during child directed play activities. Some children were observed during rest time. Interactions between the staff and children were observed to be appropriate.

The center has a full kitchen and a cook. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center participates in CACFP and menus reflect CACFP requirements are followed.

The center has a fenced in playground with a few separate areas for the different age groups. There are some grassy areas the center uses for large motor play activities. The toddler playground has rubber tile for surfacing material. The larger playground has wood mulch. Two truck loads of mulch is on order.

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

Ashley Hoyle has been employed at the center for many years. Ashley has contacted CCR&R for assistance and guidance when asked. Administrative records are well maintained. The center participates in QRS and has a three star rating. The center has done ongoing work on the playground. The center did remodeling to the center's entrance, which is now secured. There is a security system in place. Cameras are installed in all classrooms and the entryway.

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

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
Two children with epi pens had action plans dated April 2022. Ashley was going to look for current action plans.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
The preschool class didn't have a schedule.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center has a full license.

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*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.