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

Name of Center: Dr Smith School Age Summer Program **Enrollment:** 19 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 48412

Street: 918 W Main St **City:** McGregor Iowa **Zip** 52157 **County:** Clayton

Mailing Address: PO Box 163, McGregor, IA, 52157

Director's Name: Jennifer McCullick **Phone Number:** 563-873-2992

On-Site Supervisor(s): Andrea Landt **E-Mail:** drsmithchildcare@mflmm.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 06-10-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 07-17-2023

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round School-Year X Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General					0
Summer				29	29

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 06-25-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 06/10/24 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Dr. Smith School Age Summer Program in McGregor. Jennifer McCullick is the director of the program. Ms. McCullick started with the program in October 2019 and became the director in May 2022. She has an AA in early childhood education. I met with Andrea Landt, the on-site supervisor. Ms. Landt started with the program in May 2023. She is a paraeducator at the school and she has her substitute license. There are two staff members present with the children each day.

The Dr. Smith School Age Summer Program opened their license on 06/05/17. It is in MFL MarMac Community School. This childcare program only operates during the summer. It is open Monday through Friday and serves only school-aged children. The school age children start at the Dr. Smith Childcare program and move to the school at approximately 9:00 am. The children remain at the school until 2:30-3:00 pm and then move back to the childcare center. There are currently 19 children enrolled.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, art, dramatic play, writing, math, sensory items, listening and PlayDoh. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level, so they were easily accessible to the children.

The program primarily operates out of one classroom in the school for activities and they have an attached room where their cubbies are located. There is a sink and handwashing procedures were posted. The childcare space has a bathroom with one toilet and one sink. Handwashing procedures were posted. The children have access to additional bathrooms in the school. They are also able to use the school gym and the outside playground area.

The program participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The children eat in the classroom. The children are served breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Lunch is delivered from the childcare center. The children eat breakfast at the primary childcare center prior to walking to the school and the afternoon snack when they return to the center. A menu was posted. There is a refrigerator on site and a thermometer was present. Mostly disposable items are used, and food is dished out for the children.

The program uses Hillyard Sanitizer to sanitize the food tables. The sanitizer must always be stored out of reach of the children. You should also label the bottle with the product name and dwell time so staff members know how long it must remain on the table.

Staff members use their cell phones for communication. Emergency numbers are in the binder but must also be posted in the classroom. The emergency posting must include the poison control number, the address of the school and the phone number where a staff member could be contacted. This was cited noted last year also. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were not posted by the main program doors or outdoor exits. They must be posted near all doors used by the program. This was cited in last two years' reports also and must be corrected.

A daily schedule was posted. A lesson plan was available for review.

There is a first aid kit on site.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections.

A radon test and fuel burning inspection is not necessary because the program is exempt from environmental assessments as a summer-only program located in a public-school building. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 07/17/23.

The program participates in field trips. On Mondays they typically have a presenter, on Tuesdays they travel for field trips, on Wednesdays and Fridays they go to a pool and on Thursday they visit the library.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the classroom. The mandatory reporter, childcare consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

Staff members had good teamwork with one another. I observed circle time and the staff allowed children to share stories and they played games with the children to incorporate learning. Staff members were flexible with their schedule and patient with the children. They used positive redirection when necessary. The staff members kept the children occupied. There was a presenter coming to the center later in the morning.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program has an active summer schedule for the school-age children. The field trips are fun and several are educational.

Ms. Landt states they provide a service so parents have care for their children that they can trust.

Ms. Landt states they do not only sit around, they keep the children active so they do not get bored. They go to the pool twice each week and they have a lot of outdoor time. They visit several parks and they walk everywhere.

The program has the support of the school, and they can use the school resources. They also receive a lot of community support.

The program is small which allows for more attention to the children who attend.

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. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were not posted by any of the main program doors or outdoor exits. They must be posted near all doors used by the program. This was cited in last two years' reports also and must be corrected.

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. Emergency numbers are in the binder but must also be posted in the classroom. The emergency posting must include the poison control number, the address of the school and the phone number where a staff member could be contacted. This was cited noted last year also.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

*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.