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

Name of Center: Clarksville Child Development LLC **Enrollment:** 47 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 44490

Street: 111 S Main St **City:** Clarksville Iowa **Zip** 50619 **County:** Butler

Mailing Address: PO Box 279, Clarksville, IA, 50619

Director's Name: Jessica Reints **Phone Number:** 319-278-4076

On-Site Supervisor(s): Laura Havlik **E-Mail:** clarksvillechilddevelopment@butler-bremer.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-27-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 02-09-2021

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 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	11	18	14	53
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury **Date:** 03-02-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was made to Clarksville Child Development, LLC in Clarksville on 02-27-23 where I met with the center director and owner, Jessica Reints. This center was given permission to open on 12/01/14. Jessica is well qualified as the director with a BA in early childhood education and previous experience with Head Start. The center provides daycare programming to infants through school-age children, and preschool programming each day from 8:30 am until 3:00 pm. There are currently 47 children enrolled in the center served by 7 staff. All aspects of the program subject to licensing standards were reviewed.

The general arrangement and layout of the building and classrooms remain the same as in prior reports. The program is located in a storefront building in the downtown area of Clarksville and has a long open floor plan that is divided into classroom spaces by shelving units and panel dividers. The infant area makes use of a portable gate to restrict access into that area, and also has a second portable gate to the bathroom and changing station of the classroom. One issue that was observed during the visit is that staff stepped over the gate structure to the restroom/changing area both while holding a child, and not. If gates are used to separate areas staff need to open the gate and not step over them. Stepping over the gate creates a risk of staff tripping and dropping a child, dropping an item on a child, or falling on a child all of which can cause serious injury or death. Windows provide natural lighting in the front and rear of the center and artificial lighting is also used. Bathroom facilities are located off the main programming area for all children. Exits are located at the front and back of the building. All exits were clear of obstruction and opened easily and freely. While there were some minor maintenance issues none rose to the level of being an immediate safety concern.

Each classroom was observed to be clean. The preschool/school age space is divided into activity centers through the placement of low shelves, furniture, and play structures. The arrangement was such that it provided the children with room to move and play while not creating any blind areas. Each center was stocked with toys and materials that were in good repair and appropriate to the ages of the children present. A copy of the daily schedule and curriculum was posted on the day of my visit. The planned curriculum focus was Nursery Rhymes & Fairy Tales. The curriculum plan did identify a good variety of specific activities throughout the day and week. Good interactions were observed in all classrooms with the teachers being engaged with the children and attending to their needs. Ratio was maintained in the classroom as required by age.

Good health and safety practices were generally observed. I was not able to observe a diaper change on the day of my visit but the center does have the required changing procedures posted and staff were able to identify proper procedures. First aid kits are kept in classrooms and taken as a whole the center does have materials necessary to address most common first aid needs. The center is currently using a bleach water solution for cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Good cleaning practices were observed with staff waiting for children to be out of the immediate area before using cleaning products, and storing the products in areas that were not readily accessible to children. Good hand washing practices were observed on the day of my visit with the teachers ensuring the children washed their hands following restroom use. Safe Sleep practices were an issue on the day of my visit. During the visit one child identified as about 4 months of age was observed to be in a swaddling sleep sack. Swaddling is prohibited in child care, and is not recommended beyond 6-8 weeks of age due to the increased risk of children rolling over and not being able to roll back. If a swaddling sleep sack is used staff need to ensure that the

arms and legs are free to move. Another child under 1 year of age was observed to have a small blanket hung on the crib rail while the child was in the crib. Items that are hung, draped, or suspended on crib rails, or over cribs need to be removed when infants are sleeping in the crib. In addition it was noted that several children sleeping in cribs had pacifiers with ribbon clips, and one had teething beads when sleeping in the cribs. While pacifiers are allowed they need to be of a design that does not include any attached objects.

The center does have a small playground space at the back of the building. The playground is enclosed by wooden fencing that was observed to be in good repair. There are no climbing structures present but the does have some dramatic play and other toys present. The playground has pea gravel which had previously been used for fall surfacing when climbing structures were present. Shade is provided by an umbrella structure and the building.

The center has a small kitchen space and meals are prepared on site. The center uses a menu rotation and copies of the planned menu were posted. Lunch was being served at the time of the visit. The served meal did include hotdogs, potato chips, baked beans, celery sticks with ranch dressing, and milk. While hotdogs are allowed Child and Adult Food Program (CACFP) guidelines require that they be of 100% beef content. In addition while the center did cut the hotdogs served to the infants they were not modified for the older children. Hotdogs can present a choking risk and need to be cut to eliminate the disk form such as cutting down the length of the hotdog. Good food handling practices were observed with the teachers washing their hands and wearing food service gloves when handling food. Good food storage practices were observed with items placed in air tight sealable food grade containers once the original packaging seal has been broken.

All required notices were present in an area that was readily accessible and visible to parents. In reviewing staff and child files the center is using the Sandbox system to maintain electronic files. This systems does have the ability to prepare a self-audit report and notification system of expiring documents. The information in the electronic system was found to be accurate when compared to randomly selected hardcopy files. The self-audit system did identify that all staff and child files contained all required information and were current. All inspection logs and certificates were current and valid with the exception of Radon. The documentation for Radon testing did identify that re-testing had been initiated as required but the sample was rejected by the testing laboratory and a new kit had been ordered. The previous testing results though expired did identify that the measured levels were below the maximum cutoff limit.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has been working to complete renovations to the facilities and have submitted architectural plans for review. The renovations will open more space for the children, create a more defined office area, and make changes to the outdoor play ground.

Jessica stated that she has a very strong group of core employees who continue to be the backbone of her program.

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

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.No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.No co-sleeping shall be allowed.Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.
-- Children under 1 year of age were observed to be sleeping in cribs with blankets hung on the crib rail, arms pinned by a swaddling sleepsack, and having pacifiers with attached ribbon clips and teething beads.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks. Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
-- Hotdogs were served on the day of the visit which had not been modified to reduce the risk of choking, nor were they of 100% beef. CACFP guidelines do require that foods which have a high incident rate of causing choking be avoided or modified to reduce that risk. At a minimum hotdogs should be cut lengthwise to eliminate the disk shape that can result when being eaten.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying a plan of action to correct and maintain those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. 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.