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

Name of Center: CAM Cubs North **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 13192

Street: 709 McIntyre DR **City:** Anita Iowa **Zip** 50020 **County:** Cass

Mailing Address: PO Box 117, Anita, IA, 50020

Director's Name: Katie Biehn **Phone Number:** 712-762-3232

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** camcubschildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-03-2025

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** X **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: 08-15-2023

Comments :

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 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	12	21		24	57
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 02-12-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Cam Cubs North on 2-3-2025. Anita's Child Care Center is located in the old Anita Elementary School building located at 709 McIntyre, Anita IA 50020. Katie Biehn became the director on February 19, 2024. Katie leases the building through the school. There are 30 children enrolled in the center. Child care is offered to children six weeks of age to 12 years old. The hours of operation are 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. The center utilizes three program rooms.

Observation of Rooms:
The infant and toddler rooms were being used on the day of my visit. The rooms looked nice and had a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The rooms were in ratio, and they had lesson plans/activities. The children were observed during nap time. Make sure your room arrangement allows for direct observation of all children at all times. Katie is at the Anita site four days a week and one day at Messana, she also provides preschool programming for the three year olds at Messana two days a week. Brittany is the on-site supervisor at Messana and she is there four days a week and one day a week at Anita. Marcy provides preschool programming at the Anita site.
Staff were attentive to the needs of the children.
Katie has completed an exception to policy for a few four year olds to be in the toddler area.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.
The center will be moving to the newer part of the building soon, the gym area has been renovated and has three program room areas; Infant room, toddler room and school age room. There is also a kitchen and office. Cubicle walls will be be used for separation in the gym area for toddlers and school age children, the infant age children have their own room. The toddler diaper changing area is in the entry of the girls bathroom. The new area looks great. The old area that the center is currently in will be torn down. The center will prepare meals onsite when they move to the new area, they will use a hot plate, microwave etc.

Nutrition:
Breakfast and lunch are provided by Treat America/Company Kitchen, the center prepares their snacks. Menus were posted, the center is on the federal food program. The center will prepare meals onsite when they move to the new area, they will use a hot plate, microwave etc.

Health and Safety:
The center follows medication management procedures when children are prescribed medications, and they use the medication log. Radon testing was done in December 2022, three tests were completed all with the test result of 0.3 pCi/L. Katie Biehn reported that the center doesn't have fuel burning appliances and they have forced heat. The center has properly stocked first aid kits. The center practices and documents monthly fire and tornado drills.
Bleach/water used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Make sure you are using the three bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Bleach/water for sanitizing and disinfecting. Three separate bottles are needed for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water must be mixed daily. Review the mixing directions on the specific bottle of bleach you are using, if the mixing instructions aren't on the bottle go to the specific product website for mixing instructions. You may want to discuss other products for sanitizing and disinfecting with the child care nurse consultant.

Make sure staff place their purses and personal belongings somewhere that isn't accessible to the children.

Playground:
The playground area is fenced and has a cement path for riding toys, a grassy area for playing and one piece of commercial playground equipment with slides. Pea gravel is used for surfacing. There are picnic tables and a tree provides shade. The center practices and documents monthly playground inspections.

Transportation:
The program does not provide transportation services.

Administrative Records:
Katie has monthly staff meetings at each site.
Katie has worked with with Child Care Resource and Referral. The center participates in the IQ4K1.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Katie became the director on February 19, 2024. She is excited and and enthusiastic about the program. The staff were attentive to the needs of the children.
The child care center is an excellent resource for the community.
The center participates in the IQ4K1. The center receives grants for equipment and supplies.
Katie opened Cam Cubs South in Messana, Iowa on 9-3-2024.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Anita Child Care Center for 3-1-2024 to 3-1-2026.
Off year licensing visit 2-3-2025.
Administrative change - change in capacity.

The center will be moving to the newer part of the building soon, the gym area has been renovated and has three program room areas; Infant room, toddler room and school age room.

*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.