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

Name of Center: Grand View Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 44 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28290

Street: 3004 E 38th St **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50317 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3004 E 38th St, Des Moines, IA, 50317

Director's Name: Sara Isaacson **Phone Number:** 515-262-4999

On-Site Supervisor(s): Veronica Flores **E-Mail:** gvcdc@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-19-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-07-2024

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

Date Inspected: 03-21-2024

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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	23	15	12	21	71
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: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-03-2025

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

NA

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Grand View Child Development has been in operation since February 2009. This center is located within a single standing building that has a secured parent entrance. The center provides child care services to children ranging from infancy through school age. Sara Isaacson is the director. She has been in this position since August 2017. Sara was the on site supervisor for several years prior to being the director. Sara has an AA degree in Early Childhood Education. Veronica Flores is the on site supervisor. Veronica has been in this position since May 2020. Veronica has been employed at the daycare center since 2016.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Schedules are posted in classrooms. Lesson plans were posted are posted in classrooms. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys.

Sara assisted with today's visit. The Caterpillars (infants) and the Butterflies (1's) were combined today. There were seven children present. Two staff were working with this group. The Bumblebees (2's) had six children present. There were two staff working with this classroom. The Fireflies (3/4's) and the Dragonflies (4/5's) were combined today. There were six children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The Grasshoppers (school age) wasn't in operation at the time of the visit.
Children were observed in classrooms today. Children were observed during lunch time. Children were observed during staff led activities and during child directed activities. Staff were reading books as a group activity. Children were playing in centers for child directed play time.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center is trying to currently trying to get on CACFP. Menus were reviewed. Lunch served today was pizza, cauliflower, peaches and milk.

The center has a fenced playground. There are a couple climbing structures. Surfacing material is rubber mulch. There is concrete areas for riding toys. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

The center owns a fifteen passenger van.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Sara Isaacson has been employed at this center for many years. The center participates in the IQ4K program. The center is a member of the Women's Empowerment Program. The center benefits from being a participant in the program through regular center visits from VNS and from the United Way staff as well as financial support. The center has security cameras in all classrooms and on the playground. The center uses ProCare for administrative record, billing and communicating with parents. The center has well furnished classrooms that have a nice amount of supplies and furnishings for the amount of children being served.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Two staff are missing current physicals.

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Several staff need current CPR/1st Aid training.
There is a training that Sara is getting scheduled for these staff members.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hha.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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