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

Name of Center: Red Oak Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 145 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51098

Street: 400 West 2nd Street **City:** Red Oak Iowa **Zip** 51566 **County:** Montgomery

Mailing Address: 400 West 2nd Street, Red Oak, IA, 51566

Director's Name: Jacque Howell **Phone Number:** 712-623-6630

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tasha Vestal **E-Mail:** director@redoakcdc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-19-2023

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: 04-12-2021

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	45	17	40	43	145
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 08-07-2023

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 Red Oak Child Development Center on 7-19-2023. The center opened on 8-17-2020 and is located in the Red Oak Early Childhood Center. The center is owned by the Montgomery County Child Development Association and has active board members. The program provides child care services to infant age children to school age children. There are 145 children enrolled.
Jacque Howell continues to be the director. Tasha Vestal is the on-site supervisor.

Observation of rooms:
All rooms were in ratio. There are two infant rooms, two one year old rooms, they will have two 2 year old rooms, 1 three year old room and two school age rooms.
The public school changed their preschool hours to four full days and no preschool on Fridays, the center will have some room reassignments to accommodate. The center is using a room that was previously a staff lounge for the older school age children.
All program rooms looked great and are nicely furnished with a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate furniture, equipment and supplies.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The children were having fun participating in a variety of activities.
The daily sheets looked good. A couple program rooms needed lesson plans/activities. Please make sure the rooms have lesson plans/activities and Jacque or Tasha need to review them each week. The center is full and has a waiting list of approximately 67 children.

Nutrition:
The food is catered from Company Kitchen/Treat America, the center provides the snack. The meals are served in the program rooms. Menus are posted.
If children bring their lunch refrigerate them to provide proper temperature storage.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Radon testing is needed. Radon testing was completed in December 2020 and all test results were in the acceptable range (under 4.0 pCi/L). Radon testing is required every two years.
The building has all electric appliances.
The center is following the medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication.

Playground:
There is an outdoor playground that has fun equipment. Monthly playground safety checks are completed.
The center is writing grants for sunshades.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Staff meetings are held monthly.
The center is applying for level 2 on the IQ4K program.
The center uses Procare child care software.
Jacque Howell has worked with their Child Care Resource and Referral worker and the child care nurse consultant.
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III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your center looks great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate furniture, and equipment.
Your center is a wonderful resource for the community.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
The director Jacque Howell is very enthusiastic and proud of the center.
The center has a room for nursing mothers.

The center received new cots and a lap top computer.
The center is working on a grant for expansion.
The center had a summer fundraiser that collected donations to pay for field trips for children three years and older.

I reviewed the noncompliance items from the 2022 licensing evaluation with Jacque and she reported the following items have been corrected:
All staff have current national record checks.
All staff have met the training requirements.
All staff have current physicals on the DHS staff physical form.
All required child files have a current physical.
Monthly playground safety checks are completed.
Rooms need lesson plans/activities. A couple rooms needed lesson plans on 7-19-2023.
The cots/mats are covered and the room arrangement allows direct observation of all children.

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

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
Radon testing is needed.

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.
A couple rooms didn't have lesson plans/activities. Please train staff on lesson plans/activities and review them weekly.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2022 to 8-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 7-19-2023.

*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.