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

Name of Center: MJ's Den - HES Location **Enrollment:** 70 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 41720

Street: 312 W Grover St **City:** Hinton Iowa **Zip** 51024 **County:** Plymouth

Mailing Address: 1111 Starview Dr, Hinton, IA, 51024

Director's Name: Jennifer Marks **Phone Number:** 712-898-8109

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jacy Peters **E-Mail:** jacy.peters@gmail.com jennyjam248@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-08-2022

Licensing Visit **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:** 10-05-2021

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

Date Inspected: 12-12-2019

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 X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				72	72
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2021 to 12-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-09-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the center on 11-08-22 and spoke with Jennifer Marks, director. Ms Marks became director in August 2021. She has her Early Childhood Degree and para certificate.
She has also worked at the center since 2014. MJ's Den-HES is a school aged program located in the Hinton Elementary School. The program utilizes the library and lunchroom and at times in a classrooms. The program operates Monday through Thursday 7:00am to 8:15am & 3:30pm to 5:45pm, and on Fridays 7:00am to 8:15am & 1:20PM TO 5:45pm. The program serves school age children TK - 5th grade. There is a buzzer outside the building where school staff let people into the school and the after school program. During the school year if there is a scheduled no school day the center is still open for childcare for school age children at the school. This school year there is no program during Christmas Break.

There are 70 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 48 children present. Given the current corona-virus pandemic, time was spent on discussing how the center is coping. The center is following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys daily that children use. The after school program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. Children have access to bathrooms. Posting board needs to be displayed any time the program is in session as when asked it was brought out of a closet. Discussion was the importance of having this displayed during programing. Daily schedule of activities was posted. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The children all meet in the library and after attendance then they are separated with TK to 1st graders and 2nd to 5th grade are together until the last hours of the day when they are combined.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
The center provides snacks. Program needs to follow CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Healthy snack list was sent to director. On the days that there is no school and there is programing children bring their own lunches. Sack lunches need to be kept in a refrigerator to avoid any spoilage. The program will look at getting their own refrigerator or see if they can use a refrigerator of the schools.

Center Health & Safety
Center currently does not administer any medication. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills documentation was not available at the time of the visit. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Program areas appear well maintained and free of any observable health or safety hazards. It is is recommended that children who need to go bathroom that the program set a time for bathroom breaks and go as a group rather than let kids go to bathroom on their own for supervision and safety. The program at times may have school activities during the time of programing.

Center Playground
The center has a large fenced-in playground that they share with Hinton elementary school. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. Rubber cushioning surrounds the play equipment. The school maintains the playground. Shade is available on the playground. The program needs to do monthly playground inspections.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
Center does not transport.

Center goals: The center would like to implement better curriculum and more toys/activities for the kids such as STEM and more staff. Also, more communication of when gym is being used so they can change their programming for that day. QRS has expired in August 2022. The program will look at doing the IQ4K program which takes the place of the QRS program.

Strengths of the program is that they have good staff and that they have a good relationship with the children and families they serve as well as the school.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Good communication with children and their families.

Program is well organized and is structure with daily routine.

Positive interaction with the children.

Program uses Bright Wheel app to communicate with parents.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
Essential trainings need to be complete within 90 days of hire.

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results .Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 3

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.
Number not in compliance: 3

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 1

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.
Fire/tornado drills need to be documented monthly

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The program needs to email consultant by 12-02-22 confirming that all items that fall below standard have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time.

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.