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: 04-29-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 05-02-2024

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: 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 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-14-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Red Oak Child Development Center on 4-29-2024. 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 building also has some public school classrooms. 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:
There are eight program rooms and an additional room is used for school age children if needed, all rooms were in ratio. The center may be changing one infant room to another three year old room.
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. Some of the rooms were observed during nap time.
The daily sheets looked good. Staff in each room develop the lesson plans/activities. The center is full and has a waiting list of approximately 50 children.
There were some plastic bags that were accessible to children, these are considered a health and safety hazard. Please move plastic bags to an area that isn't accessible to 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.
The lunches that are brought from home are refrigerated.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Since you are in a building that have public school classrooms the Department of Education is responsible for maintaining radon testing you will need to make sure it is being completed and that the scores are under a 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.
The center was using the Sam's Club brand sanitizer, the child care nurse consultants in the Council Bluffs area discovered that the product isn't acceptable in child care, discontinue using and contact your child care nurse consultant for other sanitizer options.

Playground:
There are two playground areas. The toddler playground is expanding, more surfacing is being added and possible more equipment. Monthly playground safety checks are completed.

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

Administrative records:
Staff and child files were read and were in excellent order.
The center closes early on the first Wednesday of every month for staff meetings. The child care nurse consultant, Heather Marsh came to the staff meeting in April 2024.
The center is applying for 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.
The center has an active board.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your center is a wonderful resource for the community.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
Jacque and Tasha are very organized and are always helpful during my licensing visits.
The center has a room for nursing mothers.
Grants are received for updating lap tops, mulch surfacing, fencing, staff bonuses etc,

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2024 to 8-1-2026.

*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.