

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

Name of Center: The Voyage Early Learning Journey **Enrollment:** 122 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49740

Street: 1101 SE Gateway Dr **City:** Grimes **Iowa Zip** 50111 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1101 SE Gateway Dr, Grimes, IA, 50111

Director's Name: Kristen Miner **Phone Number:** 515-986-6203

On-Site Supervisor(s): Candice Langworthy **E-Mail:** kminer@thevoyageelj.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-19-2019

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-09-2018

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

Date Inspected: 03-16-2018

Comments : Johnston - Grimes Fire Marshal. State requirements are that these inspections are done at least every three years. Johnston - Grimes may do these inspections more frequently.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** NA

Accreditation: **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	48	24	89	34	195
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 07-01-2018 to 07-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Date: 06-19-2019

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced, off-year visit was conducted on 6/19/19. The owner/director was present throughout this visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The Voyage Early Learning Journey is a newer center in Grimes, IA that was given permission to open on 4/2/18. The center serves children ages six weeks in age to roughly 10 years is age using the High Scope Learning Curriculum. There are a total of 11 classrooms and then also an indoor gym.

The owner and director of this center is Kristen Miner. Kristen has a BA degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Education Leadership. Kristen previously worked for several years in the school setting. Candice Langworthy is the on-site supervisor. Candice has her CDA. Previous to this position, Candice had worked for many years at another center which included time as an assistant director.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a newer center that fills a need in the community. Enrollment has significantly increased within the past year.

The center is clean, well lit, and nicely decorated.

There is an indoor gym when weather or conditions do not permit outdoor play.

The center has a website, a Facebook page, and they use the application, Sandbox. Information such as children's daily sheets (if children under two years of age), food menu, handbooks, staff, etc. can be found.

Security cameras are installed.

The director feels she has a good group of staff and the culture is good.

The director is organized.

Individual and informal weekly meetings are held between the director and her classroom staff.

The center has hired a full-time cook within the past year.

A second vehicle for transporting children has been recently purchased.

The playground including a splash pad has been fully installed within the past year.

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 occurs every 5 years. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
A NEWER STAFF MEMBER IS PAST DUE FOR COMPLETING FIRST-AID AND CPR. IT WAS NOTED THIS PERSON ALSO STARTED BEFORE SING CHECKS WERE COMPLETED.

109.10(3)b: For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.
Diaper creams are considered medication and if not given, this also needs to be documented. THIS WAS AN ISSUE IN BOTH INFANT CLASSROOMS.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
There was a dangling cord in the school-age classroom. THIS ISSUE WAS CORRECTED DURING THE VISIT.

109.12(4): Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.
Child mats used for napping should be sanitized daily rather than weekly since the mats sit directly on top of one another when not in use. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

109.15(1): Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
There was an issue with the documented schedule in the school-age classroom.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every two years and was last completed 1/11/19 - 1/14/19. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff.

The annual furnace inspection is scheduled for 6/20/19.

Homemade diaper creams should not be used unless there is a doctor's approval as well as a list of ingredients documented.

Several diaper creams and/or bottles and sippy cups could use relabeling.

Hand washing signs should also be posted by sinks in the older children's restrooms.

The CACFP online application was discussed with the cook.

*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.