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

**Name of Center:** Birdie's Nest Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 157 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47901

**Street:** 2627 Hickory Grove Rd **City:** Davenport Iowa **Zip** 52804 **County:** Scott

**Mailing Address:** 2627 Hickory Grove Rd, Davenport, IA, 52804

**Director's Name:** Justice Price **Phone Number:** 563-340-1818

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Dawn Nelson and Kiana Wethington **E-Mail:** birdiesnestccc@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 02-05-2024

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-01-2022

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

**Date Inspected:** 02-23-2024

**Comments :** Does Comply.

**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:** 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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 56 | 21 | 58 | 72 | 207 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 3

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
|---|---|
| X | **FULL** license from 09-01-2024 to 09-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Heidi Brown **Date:** 03-01-2024

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

N/A

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Administrative Change Report:
The center added an additional building that includes: three classrooms, storage rooms, and a gymnasium. There are private offices for the director in the upper level.

They were able to add an additional 88 slots for child care.

This worker arrived at Birdie's Nest Child Care Center on 10/16/2023. The center provides care for infants to school aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday 6:30am to 5:30pm. The center has 157 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center's fire inspection was completed on 10/11/2021.

The owner is NaRhea Salzbrenner. She completed her Early Childhood Endorsement and is almost completed with her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Administration. NaRhea also has a valid Teaching License.

The director is Justice Price. She started in 2017. She has her Child Development Associate's.

The onsite supervisors are Dawn Nelson and Kiana Wethington. Dawn started in 2017. She will have a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education in January 2024. Kiana started in 2015. She has her Child Development Associate's.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The center offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit.

The center's curriculum is a blend of World of Wonders, Frog Street and Conscious Discipline. The center offers field trips. Examples include: museums, parks, Wild Cat Den, Fun Station, splash pad, Pumpkin Patch, Niabi Zoo and the Festival of Trees.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

-Eight staff have Child Development Associate's.
-Four staff have Associate's Degree.
-Three staff have Bachelor's Degree.
-The center has maintained 13 staff for over 5 years.

-The center uses ProCare for open communication, billing, family engagement and curriculum.
-They aligned their curriculum with Iowa Early Learning Center.
-The center does assessments/conferences twice a year.
-The center has won Local's Love Us for the past 6 years.
-The center has Iowa Quality Rating System Level 4.
-The center is expanding. They added two classrooms, restrooms, storage space and a gym.
-The center hosts many family events: trunk or treat, open house with museum stations, fun station and Easter egg hunt.

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

N/A

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.