Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond The Bell-Unity

Provider No.: 30156

Address: 1901 Unity Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51105

County: Woodbury

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews

On-Site Supervisor: Jenny Ohrazada

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HHS Visit Date: 11/12/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/11/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Tuesday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Wednesday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Thursday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Friday		6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				125	125
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit at this center on 11/12/25. I was able to speak with Lead teacher Emily Comer. She has several years of experience working with children of this age. On-site supervisor continues to be Jenny Ohrazada. Jenny has been with the Beyond the Bell program for several years and oversees 3 other Beyond the Bell programs.

Beyond the Bell Unity is a school aged program located in Unity elementary school. The before/after school program utilizes the gym/lunchroom as well as the school playground. The program is operated by the Beyond the Bell organization Monday thru Thursday 6:30am to 8:30am & 3:30pm to 6:00pm and Friday 6:30am to 8:30am & 1:30pm to 6pm. There are 37 children enrolled in the program and at the time of the visit 29 children were present. 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 program's philosophy is grounded in the belief that children thrive in a safe, supportive environment where they are encouraged to grow, learn, and play. This philosophy is reflected in daily operations through intentional activity planning, nutrition and homework assistance if needed. Staff use proactive strategies to support emotional regulation and conflict resolution, reinforcing the program's commitment to a respectful and inclusive atmosphere. The after-school program offers a variety of structured group activities as well as opportunities for individual, self-directed play. A daily schedule of activities is clearly posted and followed. When available, the gymnasium is utilized to support physical activity and gross motor development. The program provides a sufficient quantity and variety of age-appropriate equipment and toys to engage children in meaningful play.

Snacks, breakfast and lunch are provided through the Sioux City School system. Food is stored properly. Program follows

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CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are practice monthly. Good sanitary procedures are followed.

The program has access to the school playground, or they use the gym. The playground has rubber tiles for surfacing. They have climbing equipment and slide in the playground area and has a large grassy area. On the day of my visit several children as well as staff were involved in a soccer game. The school maintains the playground. Shade is available in the area.

This program does not do any field trips at this time. The program actively partners with local organizations such as 4-H, community sports clubs, and other educational groups to enrich the children's experiences. Events like Family Night at a local pumpkin patch foster strong family connections and community involvement.

Strengths of the program is that staff have a good relationship with the kids and families that they serve.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

During the visit, staff demonstrated positive and engaged interactions with the children in their care. They were actively involved in facilitating and participating in activities, providing guidance, encouragement, and support. The staff's presence and attentiveness contributed to a nurturing and responsive environment that promotes children's social and emotional development

The center sends a monthly newsletter home to keep parents informed of activities at the program.

There is a good relationship between parents and staff, and staff is on a first name basis with these parents.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(8)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.

109.11(8)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Program will email consultant by 12/31/25 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

It is recommended to update the HHS binder.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

Date: 11/13/2025

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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