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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Beyond the Bell-Liberty

Provider No.: 36246

Address: 1623 Rebecca ST, Sioux City, IA, 51103

County: Woodbury

Director's Name: Jenna Andrews

On-Site Supervisor: Jennifer Ohrazda

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HHS Visit Date: 11/14/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2023 to 12/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/20/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				314	314
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit at this site on 11/14/25. I was able to speak with Erisha Bradly who is the lead worker. Jennifer Ohrazda is the onsite supervisor for this site. Ms. Ohrazda has several years of experience working with children and oversees several BTB sites. The program is operated by the Beyond the Bell organization Monday through Thursday 6:30am to 8:30am & 3:30pm to 6pm. On Friday 6:30am to 8:30am & 1:30pm to 6pm. If they use this site for summer program, then it would operate 6:30am to 6pm. The summer program rotates to different schools designated by the school. This is a locked facility, and interest is gained by pressing a buzzer outside and staff answers the door.

There are 39 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 20 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground/gym observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The before/after school program provides various group activities as well as individual self-directed activities for the children. The program goal is to help children and families reach their full potential by providing a safe place to play, creating a quality learning environment, and promoting growth

The program divides the children up into two groups in the afternoon depending on their numbers for the day; PK to 2nd grade and 3rd to 5th grade and rotate them through the gym and lunchroom. The program has centers stored in totes in their storage area and set up different ones each day at tables throughout the lunchroom. The program offers a wide variety of engaging, age-appropriate activities designed to spark children's interests and support their development. These include coloring, arts and crafts, interactive games, and puzzles that encourage creativity, fine motor skills, problem-solving, and social interaction. All activities are supervised by trained staff who foster a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment where children can explore, learn, and grow after school. Outdoor activities are an important part of our daily routine, giving children the opportunity to explore nature, develop gross motor skills, and enjoy cooperative play.

Staff demonstrated strong engagement and positive interaction with the children. Rather than simply supervising, they actively participated in activities—playing games, assisting with crafts, and encouraging involvement. This level of staff involvement fosters meaningful relationships, supports social-emotional development, and creates a warm, welcoming environment for all children

The school system provides breakfast, snacks and milk. Program follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills were documented each month. Program areas appear well maintained and free of any observable health or safety hazards. Radon and Furnace inspection was not available at the time of the visit. This was also noted last year.

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The center has a large fenced-in playground that they share with Liberty elementary school. Playground has climbing equipment and slides. Cushion squares surround the play equipment. Shade is available on the playground. They also utilize the large gym.

If the center went on field trips, they would utilize the Sioux City School bus.

The goal of the program is to increase enrollment.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The program offers academic enrichment opportunities led by licensed schoolteachers, providing targeted support in core subjects to help students strengthen their academic skills and build confidence in a familiar, supportive environment.

Staff were engaged with students and actively participating.

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 needs to email consultant by 12/31/25 confirming that all aspects that are below standards have been corrected.

It is also recommended that the center cooperates with their CCR& R consultant to assist in completing a site binder with all the necessary information.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

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

Date: 11/18/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.