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

Name of Center: Tinker Tots Preschool **Enrollment:** 54 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7382

Street: 1501 Industrial AVE **City:** Bedford Iowa **Zip** 50833 **County:** Taylor

Mailing Address: 1501 Industrail AVE, Bedford, IA, 50833

Director's Name: April Spargen **Phone Number:** 712-523-2411

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** tinkertotspreschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-04-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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: 11-01-2021

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	10	23	13	29	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-02-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Tinker Tots Preschool, Inc. on April 4, 2023. Tinker Tots Preschool built a new center at 1501 Industrial Ave., Bedford Iowa 50833 and opened in November 2021. This is a nonprofit center that is run by the board. The board is very supportive of the center. April Spargen became the director in May 2022, she worked at the center since May 2021. Child care services are offered to infants to school age children, Monday through Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. Enrollment is 54 children.

Observation of rooms:
There are six rooms two program rooms have nap rooms. The rooms look great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and supplies. The children were observed during lunch and nap time/rest time, and reading books. All rooms were in ratio. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to their needs.
Staff in the program rooms are responsible for preparing the lesson plans/activities. The school age room needed lesson plans/activities. The daily sheets looked good, they are on the Procare app.
Please remove storage from restrooms as this is unsanitary.
Please remove push pins/tacks for program room, hallways etc. The two year old room had push pins in the bulletin board, this is a safety hazard for children if the push pins were to fall on the floor the young children could put them in their mouth.

Nutrition:
The center employs a cook. The center participates in the federal food program. Proper food storage was observed and there are thermometers in the refrigerator/freezer. Menus are posted.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills were practiced and documented.
April reported that the building has all electric appliances.
Bleach/water is used for sanitizing, and Oxivir Tb is used for disinfecting. The three step bottle procedure is used for sanitizing and disinfecting 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA approved product for disinfecting and sanitizing product. Refer to the specific bottle of bleach you are using for mixing instructions or the website listed on the bottle of bleach. Please review your bleach to water mixing ratio from your product bottle, you were using 1 teaspoon to 20 ounces of water for sanitizing.

Six radon tests were completed in November 2022, all test scores were under 4.0 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every two years and the radon test score must me under a 4.0 pCi/L. Please email a copy of your radon test results to me. Please contact your local health department for radon test kits or you can order them, they are approximately $10.00 each, and this should include the reading of the test.

Playground:
There is a playground for the school age children and the other side has a playground for the preschool and toddler age

children. There is a playground for the infant age children. The center continues to receive new playground equipment and supplies and a shade structure and a shed will be added soon.
Monthly playground inspections were completed.

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

Administrative records:
Staff files were read and were in good order.
Child files were read, two school age files were missing the annual statement of health signed by the parent, two files were missing a current physical, two files were missing emergency contact information - 1 for the doctor - no phone number and 1 didn't have a dentist listed. Please review all children's files and update them with the required information.
The center provides a monthly newsletter. Staff meetings are held monthly.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is an excellent resource for the community.
April continues to work hard to learn the DHS rules, she is very helpful and enthusiastic about the program.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
The center continues to receive equipment and supplies from grants.
QRS rating 4.

New in 2022/2023
Three staff are participating in the TEACH program.
The center will be installing a shade structure and a shed.
The center has applied for a grant to plant a garden.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
Child files were read - two files were missing emergency contact information - 1 for the doctor - no phone number and 1 didn't have a dentist listed. Please review all children's files and update them with the required information.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Child files were read - two files were missing a current physical. Please review all children's files and update them with the required information.

109.10(1)b: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
Child files were read - 1 school age files were missing the annual statement of health signed by the parent. Please review all children's files and update them with the required information.

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 8-1-2022 to 8-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 4-4-2023.

*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.