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

Name of Center: ABC Learning and Development Center **Enrollment:** 146 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52530

Street: 15 Nightengale LN **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52003 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 15 Nightengale LN, Dubuque, IA, 52003

Director's Name: Holly Richards **Phone Number:** 563-583-6654

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

Date(s) of Visit: 09-17-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-29-2024

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

Date Inspected: 05-04-2022

Comments :

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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	52	36	101	18	207
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-03-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 10-02-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced first licensing visit was completed at this new center on 9/17/24. This is a center previously in existence but transferred to new ownership. The new owner/director is Holly Richards, and she took over the center with a new name effective 6/3/24. Holly was present for the visit as were other staff. Holly accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the visit along with the assistant director for the center, Jenna Sorensen. Holly is a qualified as a director with education, experience, and training. This is a large center using space on both floors of the building. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool program.

Program rooms on the main floor of the building include: Little Explorer's (younger twos), Little Learners Lane (older twos), Creative Corner (younger threes), Discovery Drive (older threes), Crayola Court (18 months through 24 months), Whippersnapper Way (12 months to 18 months), Lullaby Lane (youngest infants). An additional room on this level is used as the "library" for all children to use. The room includes a good supply of books. Program rooms on the second floor of the building include: Prek Parkway (fours/fives, prek and child care), Stepping Stones (fours), Adventure Avenue (older fours, not in use at the time of the visit), and Learn and Play Lane (school age). Materials are accessible to the children in all program rooms. Program rooms are large, bright, and colorful. Most program rooms included adjacent restroom areas and sinks within the program rooms as well. Infant rooms include diaper stations and/or restroom areas adjacent with enough sinks to accommodate food preparation and hand washing if used appropriately. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center employs a cook and all meals and snacks are prepared on site in the center's kitchen. The kitchen continues to appear clean and is organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center appears to be very well managed. The staff appear to work well together. Program rooms are large and organized and offer plenty of space for activities. Program rooms are bright with windows. The center's storage area includes an abundant supply of extra materials that are highly organized including by theme/topic so that staff can routinely change out materials. Staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in program activities in all program rooms. Crafts and projects continue to be posted throughout the program rooms and in the hallways. The center director states the center completes daily sheets for all children until age four. The program participates in the local AEA program to borrow materials to enhance/supplement programming. Required licensing documentation and staff and child files are highly organized.

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

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.
1. _2_ files reviewed did not have current physical.

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medication authorization form incomplete, missing the reason for the medication.
2. Medication present without current completed parent authorization.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

The following are the designations for rooms on the main level of the building with the individual room capacities as follows:
Little Explorers Drive (younger twos) = 20 children
Little Learners Lane (older twos) = 16 children
Creative Corner (younger threes) = 22 children
Discovery Drive (older threes) = 25 children
Crayola Court (18-24 months) = 21 children
Whippersnapper Way (12-18 months) = 15 children
Lullaby Lane (nursery, CRIBS) = 16 children

The following are the designations for rooms on the second floor of the building with the individual room capacities as follows:
Stepping Stones (fours, room 218) = 15 children
Adventure Avenue (fours/fives, room 215) = 18 children
Prek Parkway (prek, fours/fives, room 219) = 21 children
Learn and Play Room (school age, room 213) = 18 children

1. Ensure all staff have a pre-employment physical (documented on the required form).
2. Emergency plan posting at the main exit door is incomplete. Some emergency plan postings throughout the center missing the poison control phone number.
3. Ensure all meals/snacks meet CACFP requirements. Items such as vanilla wafers are not credible.

A full license is issued. Please address the concerns noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.