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

Name of Center: Wee Bearz Child Care Inc **Enrollment:** 110 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50589

Street: 5191 Maple Dr, Suite H **City:** Pleasant Hill Iowa **Zip** 50327 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 5191 Maple Dr, Suite H, Pleasant Hill, IA, 50327

Director's Name: Ashley Hoyle **Phone Number:** 515-263-3503

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kayla Simons **E-Mail:** weebearzchildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-13-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-05-2023

Comments : 7/13/23 date of compliance

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	38	24	54	45	161
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2025 to 06-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 05-15-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Wee Bearz Child Care has been open since 1999. The center is located in a strip mall. The center occupies the majority of the space within the building. The center has a hallway that has established one main entrance for the center with secured doors. There is a security system in place. There are video cameras in all classrooms and entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. The center is owned by Zack Bolin, Noelle Bolin and Blaine Bolin. Ashley Hoyle is the director. Ashley has been employed with Wee Bearz since 2004. She has served as director since 2015. Kayla Simons is the on site supervisor. Kayla has been employed with the center since 2015.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Ashley assisted with today's visit. All areas subject to HHS licensing standards and rules were reviewed. All program rooms were observed. Mandatory postings were in place by the entrance. Classrooms are adequately furnished with age appropriate furnishings and toys. Classrooms had schedules posted. Classrooms also had current lesson plans, "May Day", "Spring", "Flowers/Gardening", "Flowers/Gardens". Children's belongings are kept in cubbies.

There were eight infants present- in the infant classroom. Two staff were working in this classroom. The Walkers (1's) had sixteen children present. There were fourteen staff working in this class. The 2's had twelve children present. There were two staff working with this group. The 3's had ten children present. Two staff were working in this class. The preschool room had twenty children in attendance. Two staff were working with this group. The school age class didn't have any children present during the visit. Children were observed in their classrooms today. Classrooms were observed during child directed activities, during rest time and during transition times. Staff were sitting by children, helping them settle for naptime. Staff were reading books and patting children's backs. Interactions between the staff and children were positive throughout the visit.

The center has a full kitchen. The center participates in CACFP and menus reflect CACFP requirements are followed. Menus are made on a weekly basis. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Lunch served today was sloppy joes, green beans, dragon fruit and milk.

The center has a fenced in playground with a few separate areas for the different age groups. There are some grassy areas the center uses for large motor play activities. The toddler playground has rubber tile for surfacing material. The larger playground has wood mulch.

The centers owns a a bus and two vans. These are used for school transportation and field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ashley Hoyle has been employed at the center for many years. Ashley has contacted CCR&R for assistance and guidance when asked. Administrative records are well maintained. The center is participating in IQ4K and applying for a three star rating. The center has done ongoing work on the playground. There is a security system in place. Cameras are installed in all classrooms and the entryway.

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

There were no licensing violations cited today.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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*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.