

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

Name of Center: I Care Child Care **Enrollment:** 49 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46531

Street: 639 S Central AVE **City:** Burlington **Iowa Zip** 52601 **County:** Des Moines

Mailing Address: 639 S Central AVE, Burlington, IA, 52601

Director's Name: Iris Freese **Phone Number:** 319-572-9611

On-Site Supervisor(s): Carrie Wallace **E-Mail:** smileiris@live.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-31-2018

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

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

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

Date Inspected: 01-03-2018

Comments : Does Comply. Completed by Burlington Fire Department

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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 X Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	<i><u>Year-round</u></i>	<i><u>School-Year</u></i>	<i><u>Summer Only</u></i>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	7	9	18	15	49
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 03-01-2018 to 03-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jill Seibert

Date: 02-02-2018

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I Care Child Care is a child care center in residential Burlington. It was constructed specifically for childcare. I arrived at the center on 1/31/18 for an unannounced licensing visit. The director is, Iris Freese. Iris opened the center in 10/2015. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Iris was a director for 6 years in a licensed child care center in Wisconsin. Prior to that she ran a registered child care home for 10 years. The center is located in a commercial building designed for child care.

This classroom was for infants-1 year old children. There were 3 children to 1 staff. I observed the children engaged with vehicles, rattles and balls. Staff washed their hands prior to snack. Snack included: strawberries and whole wheat tortillas with turkey/ranch.

This classroom was for children ages 1-2 years. There were 6 children to 2 staff. I observed the children and staff eating snack. Snack included: strawberries and whole wheat tortillas with turkey/ranch. The children were then observed riding toys or playing with blocks.

This classroom was for children ages 2-4 years. There were 5 children to 1 staff. I observed the children and staff playing outside. The children washed their hands prior to lunch. Lunch included: chicken and brown rice with mixed vegetables, strawberries and mandarin oranges.

This classroom was for children ages 3-4 years. There were 6 children to 1 staff. I observed the children and staff playing outside. The children were then able to chose from legos, reading, sensory table or dolls.

Each classroom had an age appropriate curriculum posted. Lesson plans were appropriate which included: active and quiet times, large-group activities, small group activities and time to play alone or with others, indoor and outdoor playtimes, and time for children to select their own activities and teacher directed activities. A wide variety of toys, educational games, puzzles, and books were available to the children to utilize. They were all in good condition. The environment was clean and safe. Classrooms were decorated with educational materials that were age appropriate.

Nutrition Practices:

The center chooses to participate in the CACFP Program. Food preparation and storage procedures were consistent with NHSPS. The centers had thermometers in all refrigerators and freezers. The center offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center rotates their menu monthly. Each child was served a nutritionally balanced meal and snack as defined by CACFP guidelines.

Health and Safety:

Medications are stored in original containers with physician/pharmacist directions and label intact. Medications are inaccessible to public and the center is able to provide documentation of medication given. Staff and children were observed hand washing and they followed recommendations from the IDPH for appropriate hand washing. All first aid supplies recommended by the IDPH were available in the centers first aid kits. Tornado and Fire Drills were practiced and

documented once a month as required. Radon and heating annual testing had been completed. The center did have carbon monoxide detectors as required.

Sanitary procedures were in place for diapering/assisting with toilet training.

Playground:

The infant-two year old area had: picnic table, playhouse, chairs, balls, basketball hoop and sandbox. The 3-5 year old area had picnic tables, sensory tables, sand box, hula hoop, basketball hoop, a tunnel, sand digger and vehicles. The school age area has a basketball hoop, balls, teether ball, climbing structure and slides. Surfacing is provided by mulch. Shade is provided by the building awning.

Field Trips and Transportation:

The center chooses to not leave the campus for field trips. Transportation would only be provided in an emergency situation.

Administrative Records:

The following posting were available on the date of my visit: Mandatory Reporter, Handbook Availability, Consultant Contact, License, Emergency Procedures for fire and tornado, and no smoking signs. Reviewed 5/49 children and 2 staff files. Policies and procedures were not reviewed as it was an off year visit.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director has done a phenomenal job of learning DHS rules and regulations.

The center classrooms are bright and welcoming to those who enter.

Children's artwork is displayed throughout the center.

The center is working on expanding by remodeling the lower level.

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

1. 109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

2. 109.10(15)a: The center shall have written emergency plans and diagrams for responding to fire, tornado, flood, and plans responding to intruders within the center, intoxicated parents, and lost or abducted children. Shall have guidelines for responding or evacuating in case of blizzards, power failures, bomb threats, chemical spills, earthquakes, or other disasters that could create structural damage to the center or pose health hazards. If center is within 10 miles of nuclear power plant, center shall have evacuation plan. Emergency plans shall include written procedures including plans for- Evacuation to safely leave the facility- Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation- Shelter in place to take immediate shelter when the current location is unsafe to leave due to the emergency issue- Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation- Communication and reunification with parents or other adults Responsible for the children which includes emergency telephone numbers- Continuity of operations- To address the individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

109.10(15)c: Center shall develop procedures for annual staff and volunteer training on emergency plans.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The outdoor fence is loose on the bottom and should be secured so that it is not a potential entrapment hazard. The gate separating the two play areas gets stuck and is difficult to open.

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (563 -263-9302 or hbrown@dhs.state.ia.us) 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.

*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.

I encourage you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: <http://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

I encourage you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website to find out who your consultant is: http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5/

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