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

Name of Center: ChildServe **Enrollment:** 5 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52162

Street: 1661 Boyson Square Drive Suite **City:** Hiawatha Iowa **Zip** 52233 **County:** Linn

Mailing Address:

Director's Name: Sarah Hoeger **Phone Number:** 319-777-7450

On-Site Supervisor(s): Brianna Carter **E-Mail:** sarahho@childserve.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-05-2023

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:** 04-25-2023

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

Date Inspected: 04-17-2023

Comments : Does Comply

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: 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:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	10	10	4	24
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 09-05-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at ChildServe on 9/5/2023. The center provides child care services. The center offers services to children 2 1/2 years to 6 years. The center is open from 8am-5pm. The center has 5 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building designed for childcare and therapeutic services. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center's fire inspection was completed on 4/17/23.

The director is Sarah Hoeger. Sarah has a Bachelor's Degree in Leisure Services and Nonprofit Administration. She started in 1/2023.

The on-site supervisor is Brianna Carter. Brianna has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She started in 10/2019.

This worker observed all program space including the classrooms, large motor rooms, and therapeutic rooms.

The center's curriculum is developed on the child's individual needs. They utilize the STAR Curriculum: (Strategies for Teaching based on Autism Research).

Nutritional practices were checked. Parents are expected to provide meals and snacks. The center does supplement when needed. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit. The center did practice fire, tornado and emergency drills as required. The center completed radon testing as required. The center completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector installed as required.

The center's outdoor area included: a grassy area, picnic table, bubbles, chalk and balls.

The center does not offer field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings. The center communicates with parents via the following app: Playground.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center offers therapeutic services on-site: Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), Autism Day Program, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy
and Speech-Language Pathology (Speech Therapy).
-The center director and on-site supervisor attended the Preparing Your Licensing Notebook Training and Rules and Regulations Training.
-The center has established a working relationship with Child Care Resource and Referral.

-Classrooms are clean, have a wide variety of educational and engaging activities, and are safe.
-The center opened in 2023 to meet the needs of children/families in the community.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has some therapeutic equipment is that is over 18 inches. This worker did note that they had a staff and a parent around the child and the climbing structure so that they would not fall. The center is strongly encouraged to get fall surfacing to ensure the children's safety. Indoor fall surfacing must meet: ASTM F1292.

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.