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

Name of Center: Romper Room Childcare Center **Enrollment:** 130 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52006

Street: 1275 Main ST **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52001 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 1275 Main ST, Dubuque, IA, 52001

Director's Name: Renee Krier **Phone Number:** 563-556-1500

On-Site Supervisor(s): Breanna Krier **E-Mail:** krier2006@live.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-09-2022

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	25	19	26	32	102
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 12-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 11-16-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 11/8/23. This center is one of two centers that are for profit and are owned and operated by Renee Krier. Renee is the center director, and she and other staff were present including the approved on site supervisor, Breanna Krier. Breanna accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the majority of the visit. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center includes program rooms on all three levels of the building. Program rooms on the lowest level of the building include: Orange room (school age) and purple room (four years through school age). Program rooms on the middle level of the building include: Green room (12 months through 23 months) and red room (youngest infants). Program rooms on the highest level of the building included: Blue room (two through three years) and yellow room (three through four years). All rooms include hand washing sink(s) within the room and water bottle filler stations or food/bottle preparation sink for drinking water. All rooms include adjacent restroom areas with toilet(s) and sink(s) except for the orange and red rooms. Children in the red room are not yet using the toilet. Children from the orange room do have to travel to the hallway restroom area to use the restroom. Red, green, and blue rooms include diaper station(s) within the program room as well.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. All meals are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area primarily by the center director at this time. The kitchen area appears to be generally clean and organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is owned and operated by an experienced center owner/director. The building has been remodeled extensively to meet child care center requirements. Program rooms are bright with windows and are spacious. The kitchen area is large and includes commercial grade equipment for food preparation, food service, and dish washing activities. Child and staff files and other required licensing documentation were found to be organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.6(6) Record checks. c. Iowa records checks. Checks and evaluations of Iowa child abuse and criminal records, including the sex offender registry, shall be completed before the person's involvement with child care at the center.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed staff started 8/10/23 and Iowa record check was not completed until 10/11/23.

CHILD FILES:
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.
1. _2_ child files reviewed did not include the hospital information as required.

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips.
1. First aid kits no clearly labeled for the location or labels for first aid kits where there were not first aid kits located.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
1. Emergency plan postings missing from main exit door and other exit door on the main floor as well as hallway exits postings on the upstairs floor missing written instructions for fire and tornado.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
1. Activity plan posted for yellow room is not current (was dated 10/10/23).

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure menu substitutions by parent request also meet CACFP requirements.
2. Restroom vent fan in the purple room restroom area does not appear to be functioning and needs to be fixed.
3. Safe stool is needed for children to reach the hand washing sink and hand washing materials at the diaper station in the green room.
4. Tables and chairs appear too tall for the children in the green room. Children should first be able to sit in chairs with their feet on the floor and the table then meeting at above the waist area.
5. Ensure stairway gate remains closed at all times.
6. More attention is needed throughout the center, with the exception of the red room, in regards to cleanliness, removal of general clutter, and organization and presentation of materials especially in the blue room where staff also appear to need more training and development. The center is encouraged to work with their CCRR consultant in these areas.

***The center has been reminded that they are not able to mix three year old children with school age children unless it is the beginning or end of the day. The center also may not mix two year old children with four year old (and older) children.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. 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.