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

Name of Center: Bulldog Daycare **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25641

Street: 201 School St **City:** Orient Iowa **Zip** 50858 **County:** Adair

Mailing Address: PO Box 52, Orient, IA, 50858

Director's Name: Susan Cruz **Phone Number:** 641-344-6802

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** susan.cruz@o-mschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-18-2024

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

Date Inspected: 05-24-2023

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

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: 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	5	15	15	15	50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-24-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to the center on 4-18-2024. Bulldog Child Care is located in the Orient/Macksburg K-12 School. Child Care services are provided to infants to school age children Monday through Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm year round.
The center operated under the Department of Education until becoming DHS licensed in 2013. Susan Cruz has been director of the center since 2006, she has her CDA and a Associates degree.
There are 40 children enrolled.
I met with Susan Cruz during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
Heather Marsh, the child care nurse consultant was at the center doing a child record review during my licensing visit.
The center has three program rooms.
The infant and toddlers are in one room with the infants on one side and the toddlers - one year olds on the other side. There were five infants present with two staff and the toddler side of the room had 7 children with 3 staff. Staff reported the toys and equipment are rotated on a frequent basis. The infant side of the room had seven containers for the children i.e. bouncy seats etc. I am recommended that you remove some of these pieces of equipment. Minimal to no use of bouncy seats, swings, exersaucers is recommended. Staff reported they usually have four or five children each day. The diaper changing table was dirty and wasn't being properly cleaned and disinfected, the three step diaper sanitizing and disinfecting procedures weren't being followed. You should look at other product options for sanitizing and disinfecting that don't require mixing. This may be easier and more consistent for the center - please consult with your child care nurse consultant for other product options. The diaper changing procedure needs to be posted. A high chair tray was also placed on the diaper changing table - this is considered cross contamination. Don't place items on the diaper changing table that aren't for diaper changing. Although there is a sink in the room the staff reported that the toddlers are taken to another room for hand washing because the sink in the room doesn't have hot water. Heather Marsha and I asked Susan to talk to the school about fixing the water situation to get hot water in the room. The room had a lot of clutter and needed to be cleaned and organized.

The daily sheets looked good and they are on the Brightwheel app.
No cots were covered - cots must be covered.

One program wasn't being used on the day of my visit.

The other program room had children two and older. I gave Susan the ratio and child separation information as the ages in the room will need to be corrected. The children were getting ready for nap time. No cots were covered even though the staff said they had clean sheets in the room. The room was too dark and you couldn't see the children's faces. The room must have enough light to see the children's faces and chest rise - so you can see the children are breathing. The room had a lot of clutter and plastic bags were accessible to the children - this is a health and safety hazard.
The bathroom that the young children use was filthy. The potty chairs had feces in them, feces were on the potty chairs and on the toilet. Proper disinfecting procedures weren't used. The medication box was in this bathroom unlocked and accessible to the children. Remove the medication lockbox from the children's bathroom and place it somewhere inaccessible to

children and keep the box locked.

Lesson plans weren't clearly defined for each day. Please receive training on creating lesson plans This is a repeat violation.

The center isn't properly sanitizing and disinfecting. There was lots of confusion regarding sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water is used for both but staff weren't sure of the sanitizing/disinfecting procedure.

Nutrition:
The oven/stove top are sectioned off and aren't accessible to the children. The center is on the federal food program. Proper food storage was observed and the menus were posted.

Health and safety:
Fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented monthly.
Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for maintaining radon testing. Make sure your center continues to have radon testing done every two years and the test scores need to be under a 4.0 pCi/L. The boiler inspection expires in August 2024.
REPEAT VIOLATION - Sanitizing and disinfecting procedure. You need to follow the three step bottle procedure for both sanitizing and disinfecting - soap/water for cleaning, water for rinsing and your product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water - your bleach must be EPA approved and you need to mix the bleach/water according to the product instructions on the bottle or on their website for sanitizing and disinfecting. Two sets of bottles are required - one set for sanitizing and one set for disinfecting. Make sure you separate and properly label the the sanitizing and disinfecting bottles. You will need to learn and train staff the difference between sanitizing and disinfecting. You must disinfect the diaper changing table. Food surface areas i.e. high chairs and table tops and hard surface toys need sanitized.
It is vital that you correct the mixing instructions for sanitizing and disinfecting immediately, this is several years in a row that I have cited this.

Playground:
The program uses the school playground. The playground safety inspections are completed monthly.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide transportation services. Walking field trips are taken.

Administrative records:
Staff files were read and were incomplete - Please review all staff files and make sure they have current criminal record checks and all of the DHHS requirements. Susan's criminal record check had expired and she updated her record check while I was there completing my licensing evaluation.
Children's files were read and were incomplete - child files need updated annually and many files were missing emergency contact information for the dentist. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information.

I talked with Susan on the phone following my licensing visit and she reported that she has made corrections to the areas that were noted. She said she has trained her staff on cleaning, sanitizing/disinfecting, lesson plans/activities, etc. I received an email from the child care nurse consultant Heather Marsh on 5-3-2024 outlining all of the corrections that Susan has made at the center following my licensing visit.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is an excellent resource for the community. The center uses school resources as needed, including janitorial services, the school nurse, school equipment, etc.
Susan Cruz has her NAEYC membership. The center participates in the IQ4K program at a level 1.
The center has a Facebook page where additional information regarding the center's operations and day to day activities can be found.
The center participates in the summer school reading program.

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

REPEAT VIOLATION - 109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
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.
Children's files were read and were incomplete - child files need updated annually and many files were missing emergency contact information for the dentist. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information.

REPEAT VIOLATION - 109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
REPEAT VIOLATION - Sanitizing and disinfecting procedure. You need to follow the three step bottle procedure for both sanitizing and disinfecting - soap/water for cleaning, water for rinsing and your product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water - your bleach must be EPA approved and you need to mix the bleach/water according to the product instructions on the bottle or on their website for sanitizing and disinfecting. Two sets of bottles are required - one set for sanitizing and one set for disinfecting. Make sure you separate and properly label the the sanitizing and disinfecting bottles. You should look at other product options for sanitizing and disinfecting that don't require mixing. This may be easier and more consistent for the center - please consult with your child care nurse consultant for other product options.
You will need to learn and train staff the difference between sanitizing and disinfecting. You must disinfect the diaper changing table. Food surface areas i.e. high chairs and table tops and hard surface toys need sanitized.
It is vital that you correct the mixing instructions for sanitizing and disinfecting immediately as this is the fifth year in a row that I have cited this.
The bathroom that the young children use was filthy. The potty chairs had feces in them, feces were on the potty chairs and on the toilet. Proper disinfecting procedures weren't used. The medication box was in this bathroom unlocked and accessible to the children.
The room had a lot of clutter, the counter tops were dirty and plastic bags were accessible to the children - this is a health and safety hazard.

REPEAT VIOLATION - 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.
Lesson plans weren't clearly defined for each day. Please receive training on creating lesson plans This is a repeat violation.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room’s arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
Additional concerns:
Cots need covered.
Although there is a sink in the room the staff reported that the toddlers are taken to another room for hand washing because the sink in the room doesn't have hot water. Heather Marsha and I asked Susan to talk to the school about fixing the water situation to get hot water in the room.
The room was too dark and you couldn't see the children's faces. The room must have enough light to see the children's faces and chest rise - so you can see the children are breathing.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area. One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes.Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
Additional concerns: The diaper changing table was dirty and wasn't being properly cleaned and disinfected, the three step sanitizing and disinfecting procedure wasn't being followed. The diaper changing procedure needs to be posted. A high chair tray was also placed on the diaper changing table - this is considered cross contamination. Don't place items on the diaper changing table that aren't for diaper changing. Although there is a sink in the room the staff reported that the toddlers are taken to another room for hand washing because the sink in the room doesn't have hot water. Heather Marsha and I asked Susan to talk to the school about fixing the water situation to get hot water in the room.

109.10(3)a All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child’s name.
The medication lock box was in the children's bathroom unlocked and accessible to the children. Remove the medication lockbox from the children's bathroom and place it somewhere inaccessible to children and keep the box locked.

109.8(2) Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
One program room had children two years and older. I gave Susan the ratio and child separation information as the ages in the room will need to be corrected.

Please send me an email by June 18, 2024 letting me know how the noncompliance items have been corrected.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 2-1-2024 to 2-1-2026.

It is concerning that your center has a high number of violations for being an established center and Susan Cruz has been the director since 2006. Please make the corrections immediately and it is vital that you maintain the corrections.

Referrals have been made to Child Care Resource and Referral and to the child care nurse consultant to work with you on your noncompliance areas. Please send me an email by June 18, 2024 letting me know how the noncompliance items have been corrected.

*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.