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

Name of Center: Shining Stars Child Development Center III, Inc **Enrollment:** 142 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50369

Street: 4850 E University AVE **City:** Pleasant Hill Iowa **Zip** 50327 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 4850 E University AVE, Pleasant Hill, IA, 50327

Director's Name: Dianna Marquardt **Phone Number:** 515-262-1202

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sarah Pickett **E-Mail:** shiningstarsdevcenter3@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-06-2023

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:** 01-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 01-04-2022

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	32	18	64	28	142
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-09-2023

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

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II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Shining Stars Child Development Center III was given permission to open in February 2019. The center is located in a single standing building. The center has a secured entrance. The re is a security system in place that allows all the classrooms and the outdoor areas to be viewed on monitors. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. The center is owned by Dianna Marquardt, who also owns the other Shining Stars daycare centers. Dianna is listed as the director of the center. Sarah Pickett is the assistant director and she started in this role in August 2019. Sarah started working at Shining Stars Child Development Center in 2009.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted outside classroom doors. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys. Classrooms with children ages two and up have labeled interest centers. A staff member who has an Early Education bachelors degree does the lesson plans for classrooms with children ages one and older.

Sarah was present and she assisted with the visit. All the classrooms that were in operation were observed today. The center currently has four infant classrooms. There are two rooms serve younger infants and two classrooms that serve the older infants, referred to as "walkers". Infant A and Infant B each had seven infants present with two staff working in each class. Walker A had eight infants present and Walker B had seven infants present. Both classes had two staff working. The younger 2's had eleven children in attendance. The older 2's had thirteen children present. Two staff were working in both of these classrooms. The 3's class had ten children in attendance. One staff was working with this group. The preschool classroom had nineteen children present. There were two staff working in the preschool room. This worker observed children during group activities and individual play activities. Some classes were observed during lunch. Some classes were observed on the playground.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center participates in CACFP. Meals are prepared at Shining Stars Child Development Center. Lunch served today was chicken corndogs, carrots and peaches. The menu for today had different vegetable and fruit listed. Sarah said the change would be reflected on Bright Wheel.

The center has three playground areas. A small area is designated for infants, an area is designated for toddlers and preschool agers and the older children. There is shading in place. There are some climbing structures and grass turf is used for surfacing material. The center documented monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in QRS and has earned a four star rating. Sarah has been employed with Shining Stars since 2009. The classrooms are well furnished and have a nice amount of play and learning supplies for children's use.

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

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
Some children's files haven't had annual updates.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This 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 mlarson@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.

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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.