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

**Name of Center:** MercyOne Dubuque Child Development Ctr and PS **Enrollment:** 255 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19216

**Street:** 250 Mercy Dr **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52001 **County:** Dubuque

**Mailing Address:** 250 Mercy Dr, Dubuque, IA, 52001

**Director's Name:** Madeline Marty **Phone Number:** 563-589-9680

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** Madeline.Marty@mercyhealth.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 06-18-2024

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:** 07-29-2022

**Comments :**

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 66 | 76 | 74 | 10 | 226 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Heidi Hungate **Date:** 06-25-2024

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

N/A

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 6/18/24. The center director, Madeline Marty, was present for the visit along with other staff. This center is attached to the Mercy Hospital and serves children age infant through school age. This is a large center that serves primarily employees of the hospital and clinics and hospital affiliates. The center does now provide care for school age children (up through age nine years) on school days and non school days. The center participates in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of the following program rooms: Indigo room (10 to 18 months), violet 2 room (six weeks to 12 months), blue room (18 months to two years), green room (18 to 36 months), yellow rooms (two rooms, two to three years), teal room (twos to three years), orange rooms (two rooms, three to four years), violet 1 room (six weeks to 12 months), and red rooms (two rooms, four/five year old child care and four year old voluntary prek, school age on non school day). All program rooms are generally organized and are nicely stocked with accessible materials and postings to meet programming needs. Preschool rooms and pre-k rooms are set up with various learning/activity centers. Books are generally displayed nicely for the children in the program rooms. Program rooms with toileting children do have restroom areas adjacent with toilets and sinks. Rooms with children in diapers have appropriate diapering facilities. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, and dinner. A later afternoon snack is also served in rooms with children under age two. The center does participate in the CACFP. The center contracts meals through the hospital (IDPH licensed) kitchen with partial preparation done by the kitchen staff person at the center's kitchen area. The kitchen is organized. The lead kitchen staff is ServSafe certified.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The center director has experience having been the director of another center previous to this one, and there is an extended administrative staff who work together to manage this center. Much of the center staff continue to have been employed at the center for many years, and they work well together. The staff in each room were again observed to be highly engaged with the children in program activities. There continues to be excellent support and resources for the center from the hospital. Program rooms are bright with windows, some at the children's level so that they can look outside. The center appears organized, and children's crafts and projects are posted throughout on display. The center takes advantage of the local AEA program where materials to supplement learning and activities are borrowed. The center director states the center will be replacing the wood chip surfacing in the outdoor area with rubber mulch in the coming days. Child and staff files and other required licensing documentation were again found to be highly organized.

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

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medications present without current completed authorization forms.

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

1. Floor cleaner chemical found in mop accessible to children in red room.
2. Floor cleaner chemical accessible under cabinet in indigo room.
3. Green room missing the rinse step for proper cleaning/sanitizing of surfaces.
4. Miscellaneous choking hazards accessible in drawer in the violet 2 room.

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 not posted for the green room.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Ensure restroom areas where standing diaper changes occur are equipped with material for children to stand on should they need to remove their shoes and/or clothing and/or should staff need somewhere to set clean materials. This was reviewed with the center director. A sufficient disposable paper barrier is recommended for this activity.
2. Ensure storage room door is labeled for the first aid kits that are located there.

This 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.