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

Name of Center: New Day Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51245

Street: 1330 Spruce Hills Dr **City:** Bettendorf Iowa **Zip** 52722 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 1330 Spruce Hills Dr, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

Director's Name: Erin Allender **Phone Number:** 563-322-8691

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** erin@newdayqc.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-28-2025

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:** 01-08-2025

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

Date Inspected: 12-07-2022

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: 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		17	44	9	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-31-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit occurred at this center on 1/28/25 The center is owned and operated by Emerge QC, though it is described as a separate entity from the church. The center is governed by a voluntary board of church members. The center pays for its own utilities, but it does occupy space within the church building. Some of the space is also shared with the church during the hours the center is not operating. Erin Allender is now the qualified center director. Erin is qualified having worked at the center prior to becoming the center director and having worked at a previous licensed child care center for many years. Erin also has a community college diploma in Early Childhood Education. Erin accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the licensing visit. The center serves children age two through school age. School age care is offered during the summer only. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center includes the following program rooms on the lowest level of the center: Beehive room (three and four year old children), ant hill room (two and three year old children), otter den room (previously eagle's nest room, school age room or three and four year old children), and bunny burrow room (three and four year old children). A room called the "jump room" is also on this level which is a small room is used for various small groups of children (max capacity of six children) as breakout space for large motor activity. The lama hut room is located on the upper level of the building and is used for four and five year old children. Program rooms are generally well supplied with plenty of accessible materials to support program needs. All children have to travel to use the restroom areas located in the hallway areas on both floors. The ant hill and beehive rooms include a diaper station within the program room. All program rooms include at least one hand washing sink with the exception of the jump room.

The center uses a portion of the "sanctuary" that is sectioned off during the center's hours of operation located on the upper level for indoor large motor space. It is noted that this area is just open space. The center will need to ensure it meets licensing requirements prior to each use.

All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center serves a morning snack, then a later breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Meals and snacks are typically prepared on site in the center's main floor kitchen area (shared with the church) by the cook employed by the center. The kitchen appears clean and is highly organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Though the director is new to the role, the center continues to be managed well. The center reports a supportive relationship with the church. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities throughout the center, and the children appeared to be enjoying their child care experience. The staff and center director appear to continue to work well together. Program rooms are colorful and bright with windows and are well supplied and organized. The center uses a web based application to document daily information for the parents of all of the children. The center's licensing binder is organized. The center is using a tracking system for staff and child file requirements.

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

CHILD FILES:
109.9(2) All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs
1. Several child files were missing the required annual update.

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. Ensure all surfaces that are used for food service/food preparation activities in the classrooms have been properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to the activity as required. Ensure staff and children have freshly washed hands, keep their hands clean or rewash hands prior to involving in food service, and do not bring items to tables that are prepared for food service.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
1. Carbon monoxide detector is missing on the lower level.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.
1. Some menu items are not credible per CACFP requirements. What is shown on the menu indicates some meals and snacks are missing components per CACFP requirements.

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.

The center has requested to use an additional small room on the upper level of the building as additional break out space for small groups of children. The center is to follow up with the licensing consultant with fire inspector approval of this space. Once received the licensing consultant will respond with approval and maximum capacity of this room. This room will not be added the license capacity for the center at this time since it will be used as a multi purpose room.

1. Staff files need organization. Ensure that a tracking system is utilized so that staff training requirements are completed timely.
2. Remove taped items from tables used for food service activities.
3. Ensure any and all food items located throughout the center are stored in a sealed container or ziploc and are dated for freshness. This has been noted previously.
4. Improve storage of clean bedding items so that they are kept in a designated area and not set on miscellaneous surfaces.
5. Clearly label the first aid kit in the otter den room.
6. Label diaper waste can in the ant hill room for this material only.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the concerns noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. 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.