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

Name of Center: Taylor Tots Family Childcare Center LLC **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52229

Street: 1325 Cedar ST **City:** Tipton Iowa **Zip** 52772 **County:** Cedar

Mailing Address: 1325 Cedar ST, Tipton, IA, 52772

Director's Name: Rhonda Taylor **Phone Number:** 563-895-0062

On-Site Supervisor(s): Shelley O'Neill **E-Mail:** taylortotsfcc@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-19-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-07-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-06-2023

Comments : Does Comply.

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 X 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	16	14	20	15	65
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-21-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 09-21-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Taylor Tots Family Childcare Center on 9/19/2023. The center provides childcare for infants-school aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday 6:00am-5:30pm. The center has 48 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/6/2023.

The center owner/director is Rhonda Taylor. Rhonda has been a home childcare provider since 1986. She has an Early Childhood Education Degree.

The center owner/on-site supervisor is Shelley O'Neill. She has worked as a home childcare provider and a school district employee.

The center has four classrooms, a cafeteria/school age area, storage space, staff break room, an office and kitchen.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit. The center did practice fire, tornado and emergency drills as required. The center completed radon testing as required. The center completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector installed as required.

The center does not offer field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings. The center communicates with parents via the following app: Brightwheel.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The owners of the center are sisters with prior experience with in home child care. They had a strong desire to provide an environment where children feel loved, valued and have fun in a safe and nurturing environment.
-The center has been painted with a variety of murals by Fresh Paints by Christine Boeve.
-The director, on-site supervisor and staff all did an excellent job of being at the children's level.
-Classrooms are clean and nicely decorated.

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

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.
-Medications were accessible in an office desk in the cafeteria space. Two inhalers needed prescription labels.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Plastic bags/ziplock bags/diaper sleeves must be inaccessible to the children.
-High chairs with 5 point harnesses must use the 5 point harness straps.
-Ensure crib sheets are tight.
-Ensure that the cafeteria area is safe for children under two years (no choking hazards)
-Keep batteries inaccessible to children in the preschool room and the cafeteria desk drawer.
-Kitchen keep knives/cleaning supplies inaccessible or lock the kitchen door.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.