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

Name of Center: The Red Apple Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 146 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21020

Street: 3265 Ridge Point **City:** Bettendorf Iowa **Zip** 52722 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 3265 Ridge Point, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

Director's Name: Marcia King **Phone Number:** 563-332-3505

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** theredappleccc@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-10-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-04-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-14-2022

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	36	39	58	15	148
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 02-19-2024

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 1/10/24. The center director Marcia King was present along with other staff. This is a for profit center owned by Chris Slavens and Michelle West. The center operates out of a large portion of a large building that also includes other businesses. The center is completely separate from the other businesses and all have their own entrances. The center serves children age six weeks to approximately third grade. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of the following program rooms: PreK room (four/five year old children), Infant C room (16 month old through 23 month old children, adjacent to the prek room), Infant B room (nine month old to 16 month old children), Pretoddler room (younger two year old children), Infant A room (youngest infants), Toddler room (2.5 to 3.5 year old children), Preschool room (3 three year old children), and School age room (four year old through school age children). Each room is furnished with a variety of accessible materials and equipment to support programming needs. Program rooms and materials are well organized and well maintained. Rooms also offer a lot of free space for the children to move around. Program rooms, in general, included some postings at the children's level. Program rooms are well designed with adjacent restroom areas and sinks also within the program room for hand washing, several with both child and adult level sinks. Rooms that include children with diapers also include diaper stations.

The center serves morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack all prepared on site in the center's kitchen with the exception of the three and five day preschool programs where parents provide snacks on a rotating basis for the entire class with the center providing the beverage. The center does allow children to bring breakfast from home in a few instances. The director states the center monitors this to ensure it meets CACFP requirements for breakfast and that table sanitation and hand washing procedures are followed properly. The director states the center provides milk and 100 percent fruit juice to go along with the breakfasts brought from home. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The kitchen area appears very clean and organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center continues to be well managed by co-owners and an experienced director. It is obvious that the administration takes much pride in the appearance and general upkeep of the center. The center appears clean and organized throughout. The center has a video surveillance system which records and allows the directors to observe what is taking place in the classrooms at any given time from the director's office. Much of the staff at this center continue to have worked here for many years. The staff and management continue to work well together. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities in all program rooms. The center continues to be fashionably and seasonally decorated to present a family friendly appearance. Music also plays in the hallways at all times. Program rooms are bright with large windows, and hallway windows offer a view into each program room. Program rooms and hallways display many of the children's crafts and projects. Items observed displayed unique presentation of materials that allow the children a variety of experiences as well as expression of their own creativity. Required licensing documentation and staff and child files continue to be highly organized.

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

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medication authorizations missing the specific beginning and ending dates for the period of authorization.
2. Medication present without current valid authorization (expired form and/or missing authorizations).
3. Expired medication present (2/2023).

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Improve cot spacing in several rooms. Ensure at least two feet of space between cots on all sides. This has been noted previously. Cribs and cots are also spaced too close together in the Infant B room. Ensure exit doors are never blocked by cots/cribs.
2. Ensure children's water bottles are sent home or go through the dish washing procedure at least daily.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation(s) and concern(s) 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.