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

Name of Center: Sunset Ridge Child Care Academy **Enrollment:** 7 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52765

Street: 205 S 27th St **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51501 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 205 S 27th St, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501

Director's Name: Rocio Alfaro, Tiearra McLey **Phone Number:** 402-415-3535

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** sunsetridgechildcareacademy@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-10-2025

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:** 02-21-2025

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

Date Inspected: 02-07-2025

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	20	26	8	90
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2025 to 03-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-07-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Sunset Ridge Child Care Academy on 4-7-2025. This is a new center located in a residential and business area. The building is one story and was previously a child care center. Child care services are offered to infants to school age children from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday. There were seven children enrolled on the day of my licensing visit. Rocio Alfaro is the owner and she and Tiearra McLey are the directors and Grisela Madrid-Flores is the on-site supervisor. Tierra is an elementary school teacher and will begin working at the center full time in May when the school year ends. Rocio also has an in home child care in Nebraska. I met with Tiearra on the day of my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
The center has four program rooms and an area for school age children - dining area in back of the kitchen. Three children were present with two staff on the day of my licensing visit.
The 2 1/2 to 3 year old room wasn't being used at the time of my licensing visit.
Tierra and Grisela had excellent interactions with the children, they were nurturing and attentive to the needs of the children. The children were observed playing. The children were having fun playing, the school age children were in school at the time of my licensing visit.
Tiearra has been completing the lesson plans/activities for the rooms.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.
Please review the ratio requirements/age of separation requirements that I previously emailed to you.

Nutrition:
Meals are prepared on site. The center had menus.
Please follow ratio guidelines as a staff can't be in the kitchen preparing meals and be considered in ratio.

Health and safety:
Tiearra will begin completing and documenting monthly fire and tornado drills. The child care nurse consultant is scheduled to visit the center the week of 4-14-2025 to review sanitizing and disinfecting procedures.
Please review the child care licensing rule for radon testing. Tiearra reported that the building has electric appliances. (If you have fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection).

Playground:
The center has a fenced playground. They will begin completing the monthly playground safety checks.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative files:
Three staff files were read and were in good order.
Child files were read and were in good order.

The center would like to apply for IQ4K in the future.
The center works with Child Care Resource and Referral and their child care nurse consultant.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a new center that opened on March 10th, 2025. They are building enrollment and wonderful resource for the community.
Rocio and Tiearra are very excited and proud of the new center.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 3-1-2025 to 3-1-2027.

*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.