

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 05-01-2020 to 05-01-2022
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

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Date: 04-01-2020

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Inertia Boys and Girls Center, Inc., is located in a very large commercial building that was formerly a grocery store in a residential area of Keokuk. The center was founded in November, 2004 to provide Child care services to the Tri State Area of IA, IL, and MO.

The Inertia Center is located at 1128 Fulton St. Keokuk, IA. The center is owned and operated by Inertia Boys and Girls Center, Inc., a private, for profit corporation owned and operated by Sarah and Jay Scott. Joseph and Jacqueline Scott, other family members formerly owned the business. The director is Sarah Scott. Ms. Scott has an AA from Southeastern Community College, 23 years in child care total. She has 9 years of in home child care experience, and 6 years of experience as director of Inertia Center. Onsite supervisors are Joe (Jay) Scott. Both On Site Supervisors have worked at the center for a number of years. The center has gradually expanded and improved the building and the outdoor play area to accommodate increasing enrollment.

On 3/17/2020 I made an unannounced licensing visit to Inertia Boys and Girls Center, Inc., and met with Director Sarah Scott and other staff members. Owner Joe Scott was also present. At the time of the visit, staff was actively engaged in providing the child care program to the children. The date of the visit all program areas were observed.

All areas of the program were addressed which consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. However, the main focus/topic of this year's visit was to discuss health and safety practices as it pertains to the Coronavirus pandemic.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center sends a quarterly newsletter to parents.

The center provides dental screening and fluoride varnish services to the children in cooperation with Lee County Public Health Department.

The Keokuk Fire Department visits the center and provides a fire safety program to preschool age children.

The building is sprayed for pests annually.

The Center purchased a neighboring lot 4 years ago. They would like to put a garden here.

The center has had regular contact with IPDH and CCR&R this past year.

The center is working toward a level 3 for QRS.

The center reports being audited recently by CACFP with good results.

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

1. 109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

109.10(15)c Center shall develop procedures for annual staff and volunteer training on emergency plans.

We discussed keeping monthly records for fire and tornado and drills and training on the emergency preparedness plan for all staff.

2. 109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that:

Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.

Sufficient space provided for dining.

Sufficient lighting shall be provided.

Sufficient ventilation.

Sufficient heating.

sufficient cooling.

Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities.

Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children.

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.

Surfacing beneath climbing equipment should meet standards. Gaps on the fence between 3.5-9 inches could pose as potential entrapment hazards. Monthly inspections should be kept.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*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.