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

Name of Center: Little Miracles Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 88 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27164

Street: 810 E 2nd Ave **City:** Indianola Iowa **Zip** 50125 **County:** Warren

Mailing Address: 810 E 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA, 50125

Director's Name: Rachel Beadle **Phone Number:** 515-961-5531

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lacey Steele, Natalie Michael - owners **E-Mail:** childcarelittlemiracles@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-19-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-13-2023

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

Date Inspected: 01-24-2023

Comments : Indianola Fire Department

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	24	14	46	60	144
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 03-24-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Little Miracles Child Development Center is located within two buildings located on the same property. Classrooms that serve infants through preschool age children are located in one building. The kitchen is also in this building. The school age classroom is located in the other building. The buildings have secured entrances. This center has been open since 1992 and went under new ownership in November 2015. Lacey S. and Natalie M. are the co-owners. Lacey had several years of experience of child care experience prior to opening up a different daycare center. Lacey had several years of child care experience and a BA in Children and Family Services prior to opening up another daycare center. Rachel B. is the current director. Rachel has several years of experience in child care prior to coming to Little Miracle Child Development Center.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas of to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings were in place at the center's entrance. Each classroom had lesson plans and schedules posted by entrances. Children's art work is displayed in classrooms. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies.

The director assisted with today's visit. There were eight children present in the yellow room (infants). Three staff were working in this room. In the red room (1's), there were eight children present. Two staff were working with this class. Fourteen children were present in the purple room (2's/3's). Two staff were working in this class. There were twenty children in the blue room (4's/5's). Two staff were working in this class. There were thirteen school age children in attendance. One staff was working with this group.

Children were observed in classroom today. Children were observed playing within the interest centers. Children were playing individually or in small groups. Some children were observed preparing for rest time or while napping. Staffs' interactions with the children were positive throughout the visit.

The center has a full kitchen. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus and food being served was reviewed. Menus reflect CACFP guidelines are being followed. Food storage is sufficient to prevent spoilage.

The center has two playgrounds. There is turf for surfacing on the playgrounds. There is a climbing structure on the big playground. There are other outdoor toys and supplies available for children's use. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center owns a couple vehicles that are used for school transportation and off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The owners have been in the child care field for many years. The director has leadership experience prior to coming to this center also. The management team provides a lot of leadership and support to their staff members. The classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate toys and furnishings.

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

There were no licensing violations cited today.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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