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

Name of Center: Little Charger Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 31551

Street: 203 Park AVE **City:** Guthrie Center Iowa **Zip** 50115 **County:** Guthrie

Mailing Address: 203 Park AVE, Guthrie Center, IA, 50115

Director's Name: Kimla Buttler **Phone Number:** 641-332-2028

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

Date(s) of Visit: 06-19-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 05-15-2023

Comments : Date of compliance 5-17-2024.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X 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	16	12	24	30	82
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 06-27-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Little Charger Early Learning Center on 6-19-2024. Kimla Buttler is the director, she began working at the center in February 2023.
Little Charger Early Learning Center moved to their beautiful new building on June 3rd, 2024 it is located next to their old location. Child care services are provided to infant age to school age children 6:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday through Friday.
The center is owned by the school and is overseen by a Board.
There are 40 children enrolled in the center.
I met with Kimla Buttler during my visit. Mercedes is in charge when Kimla is gone.

Observation rooms:
There are five program rooms: infant room, 1 year old room, 2 year old room, 3/4 year old room and school age room. The program rooms look great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The new building has a lot of storage - including car seat storage, offices, laundry room and a staff break room. The infant room wasn't being used at the time of my visit. The children were having fun playing, staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were attentive to the needs of the children.
The program rooms had lesson plans/activities.
The center is using the Playground app. The center participates in IQ4K level 1.

Nutrition:
The center has a cook, during the summer the older children participate in the free lunch program at the school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Proper food storage was observed. The center is on the federal food program. Menus are posted.

Health and safety:
The center is following the 3 step bottle procedure for sanitizing and disinfecting - 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Clorox hydrogen peroxide is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The building has all electric appliances. Please complete radon testing within one year of being in your new building - test scores must be under a 4.0 pCi/L. Refer to your handbook on information for radon testing and the frequency.

The medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication.
Please review your emergency policies and procedures with all staff.

Playground:
The center will have two playground areas - one for the younger children and one for the older children. A fence was scheduled to be installed in June 2024. Part of the old playground is being used until the new one is completed. Playground safety checks were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:
Staff files were read and were in good order. Child files were read and were in good order, they are on the Playground app and the emergency contact information is kept in the program rooms.
The center has an active and supportive board.
Monthly staff meetings are held and Kimla has daily with staff.
Some staff participate in the WAGES program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The new center opened on June 3rd, 2024, Kimla and the staff are proud of the beautiful new center. Kimla is very organized and creative.
The center is an excellent resource for the community.
The center has received services from Child Care Resource and Referral in the past. Trisha Christensen from the Family Resource Center works with Kimla on a frequent basis.
The center is using the Playground app. The center participates in IQ4K level 1.
The center receives grants.

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

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.
Please move plastic bags so they aren't accessible to the children, they are a health and safety hazard.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 12-1-2023 to 12-1-2025.
Off year visit 6-19-2024.

Administrative changes - New address and new capacity. Please email the center a new license certificate for their new location and capacity.

*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.