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

Name of Center: Little Island Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 82 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19199

Street: 101 4th St North **City:** Fairbank Iowa **Zip** 50629 **County:** Buchanan

Mailing Address: PO Box 38, Fairbank, IA, 50629

Director's Name: Janece Silva **Phone Number:** 319-635-2391

On-Site Supervisor(s): Maddison Jackson, April Butters & Carla Bartels **E-Mail:** littleisland9@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit:

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** **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: 01-17-2023

Comments :

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	18	13	30	14	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Becky Frost **Date:** 01-23-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 02/08/22 I made an unannounced licensing visit to Little Island Child Care Center in Fairbank. I met with Janece Silva, the director. Ms. Silva has worked with the program for eleven years and has been the director since July 2015. She has a history of being a member of NAEYC. Maddison Jackson is the on-site supervisor. She has been with the program for two years and became the on-site supervisor in January 2020. April Butters and Carla Bartels are also on-site supervisors. The program employs 20 staff members.

The program operates out of a free-standing building. Little Island Child Care is a non-profit program which operates under a board of directors and is owned by the Fairbank community. The Fairbank community owns and operates two separate licensed programs. In addition to this program, they also own Little Island Child Care Center-Latchkey in Fairbank. At times the two programs interact together.

The program operates from 6:00 am until 6:00 pm and serves infants through children five-years-old. There are currently 54 children enrolled. The program has a Quality Rating System (QRS) level of 4.

The program operates out of the following rooms: infants, a room for children eighteen months through two-years-old and two rooms for children three through five-years-old. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with the children's art projects, and posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. The children's birthdays were posted.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, writing, math, science/discovery, puppets, woodworking, sensory table and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Most materials were in good condition. There is vinyl furniture in the toddler room that is torn. These items must be repaired or removed. Replace the duct tape on the blue chair that is rolling up. There is a crack in the surface of the changing table in the toddler room. The program is aware of this and is looking into replacement options. The materials are located at child level so they were easily accessible to the children.

There is a bathroom in each room. The infant room has one toilet and one sink. The other rooms have a bathroom with one toilet. Sinks are in all the rooms. Handwashing procedures were posted. There is a diaper changing table in each room. Diaper changing procedures were posted.

I observed diaper changes in the infant and toddler rooms. Procedures were followed.

In the infant room there was a child sleeping in a crib with a blanket. There was a sign directly above the crib saying a blanket cannot be used. This is a safe sleep violation and a referral will be made to Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R). Additionally, in the infant room there is a shelf that divides the area where children play and sleep. You must position cribs so that you can maintain visual supervision of the children while they nap.

The center uses the Creative Curriculum to develop lesson plans and supplemental materials are added. Each teacher develops lesson plans and activities are planned around themes. The length of the theme/unit depends on the topic and the children's interest level. Conferences are provided to parents twice each year. Assessments are completed on all the children prior to conferences. The children who are ages three and older have a concentration on reading readiness and handwriting in coordination with Fairbank Elementary School's Handwriting Without Tears curriculum.

There was a phone with emergency numbers in the classrooms. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the main program doors and outdoor exits. Place the evacuation diagram near both exits in the transition room. A daily schedule was posted in each room and lesson plans were available for review.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. The radon test was completed in January 2021 and is good for two years. Results were within EPA guidelines. The building is completely electric so a fuel burning inspection and carbon monoxide detector are not necessary. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 09/30/20.

The program participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The center provides the children with breakfast, lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. Bonnie Goeller is the cook. She uses a three-week rotation of menus. The program has two refrigerators and thermometers were present. Dishes are put through a dishwasher and they use the three-step method for larger dishes. Food items were stored according to the NHSPS guidelines.

The program uses Sani Date Hard Surface Sanitizer to sanitize the food tables. The product has a one-minute dwell time. Oxivir Tb is used to disinfect the changing tables.

The parent information is in the entrance. The mandatory reporter, child care consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously posted. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

Staff and children files were reviewed at the time of the licensing visit. I reviewed eight children files. Files must contain emergency contact information for the doctor and dentist of each child. The doctor and dentist's name, phone number and complete street address must be provided. Two files did not have current contact information for the dentist. There were six outdated physical and one missing physical.

I reviewed three staff files. They were in good condition.

I reviewed policy and procedures, staff and parent handbooks. Most of the necessary written emergency procedures and policies were present. You must develop a written policy for incidents involving minor injuries, minor changes in health or behavioral concerns being reported to the parent the same day as the incident. You must update your professional development policy to include Essentials and the need for mandated policies to be completed within 90 days of hire. Emergency Preparedness Plans have been completed.

Staff members were observed to have terrific interaction with the children. Staff members were on the floor engaged in activities in all the rooms. Staff members maintained positive conversations with the children and provided them with praise. Positive redirection was used when necessary. Staff members assisted children with handwashing. They introduced activities to the children and used play as an opportunity to teach the children about colors and counting. Staff members encouraged the children to use their imaginations. The children seemed to enjoy and feel comfortable in the program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program has a Quality Rating System (QRS) level of 4 which expires on 07/31/23.

Ms. Silva states the program received the Iowa Challenge Grant and they hope to break ground for their new addition in the spring 2022.

Ms. Silva states that staff members were given a raise and they receive a sign-on bonus. Staff members also receive a referral bonus to recruit new employees. Three years ago, they started an incentive program that allows a staff member to get a vacation day if they pick up hours after someone calls in sick.

Ms. Silva states the community has been awesome backing the center up for everything.

Ms. Silva states she has outside resources and support from individuals, such as assistance with grant writing.

Ms. Silva states the center has terrific staff members and low turnover. The longevity of staff members add consistency to the program.

Ms. Silva states the demand for care is high. The program has a waiting list for infants and two-year-old children. She states the word is getting around that they are a good center.

The program has a secured entrance.

The program works frequently with Child Care Resource and Referral to make sure they are providing a safe, healthy and fun environment.

The center provides parents with conferences twice each year.

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

109.4(2)e: Written plan for ongoing staff development that complies with 441 IAC 109.7.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: Files must contain emergency contact information for the doctor and dentist of each child. The doctor and dentist's name, phone number and complete street address must be provided. Two files did not have current contact information for the dentist.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 7

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age:Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep.Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards.Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat.No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant.No co-sleeping shall be allowed.Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound.If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is issued. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

On 01/23/23 an administrative change is being made to increase the capacity of the center. They recently completed an addition to the center which the fire marshal improved on 01/17/23. The new capacity is 75 children. The program also added a latchkey room for school-age children so the school-age population has been added to the license.

*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.