

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

Name of Center: West Liberty Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 70 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 48100

Street: 111 W 7th ST **City:** West Liberty **Iowa Zip** 52776 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: PO Box 228, West Liberty, IA, 52776

Director's Name: Kirk Ryan and Dawn Kruse **Phone Number:** 319-627-5089

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** kryan@wl.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 10-12-2022

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:** 04-20-2021

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

Date Inspected: 04-04-2021

Comments : Does Comply.

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS: Year-round School-Year Summer Only

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			100		100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 06-01-2021 to 06-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 10-15-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at West Liberty Early Learning Center for an annual visit on 10/12/22. The center is nonprofit. The center provides childcare to preschool aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:30am-3:15pm. The center has children 70 enrolled.

The center is located inside of West Liberty Early Learning Center. The center uses four classrooms, a gym, kitchen and offices. The center's fire inspection was completed on 4/4/2021.

The directors are Kirk Ryan and Dawn Kruse. Kirk has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. He started at the center in 7/2022. Dawn has a Master's Degree in Education. She started at the center in 7/2022.

The center uses Creative Curriculum.

The center does offer a field trip to the Apple Orchard. They will use the school bus for transportation.

The center offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

- The center uses Creative Curriculum.
- The classrooms are nicely decorated with the children's artwork and is welcoming to those who enter.
- The center provides many forms in Spanish to ensure open communication with the children/families they serve.
- The center has done an excellent job of maintaining staff. Emily R started in 2003. Cynthia M started in 2009. Marta R started in 2011. Marci G started in 2012.
- Child and staff files were in full compliance.

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.

-Staff purses and cleaning supplies must be stored inaccessible to the children. The director should share this information with staff:

<https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf>

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

-Playground inspections must be done monthly.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program>

Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Early Childhood Iowa: <https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/>

First Children's Finance: <https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/>

Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: <https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

Iowa AEYC: <http://www.iowaaeyc.org/>

Iowa After School Alliance: <https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/>

Iowa State University: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood>

4c's of Johnson County: <https://www.iowa4cs.com/>

*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.