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

Name of Center: Little Lions Childcare **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51649

Street: 302 S H AVE **City:** Lovilia Iowa **Zip** 50150 **County:** Monroe

Mailing Address: PO Box 182, Lovilia, IA, 50150

Director's Name: Jessica Manser **Phone Number:** 641-946-2000

On-Site Supervisor(s): Rebekah Major **E-Mail:** llionscc@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-03-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-21-2023

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

Date Inspected: 11-13-2023

Comments : completed and approved by SFM Curt Seddon

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 X 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	8	9	8	10	35
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2025 to 12-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jill Seibert **Date:** 02-24-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Little Lions Childcare is a one-story modular building providing full day childcare for infant to school age children. It has been in operation since 2022. The building is specifically constructed for childcare in a residential area of the south side of Lovilia. Jessica Manser is the owner/director of this center. Jessica has prior experience providing childcare in her home prior to opening up another licensed center in a neighboring county in 2017. Rebekah Major is the onsite supervisor for this site. She has been employed at the sister center since 2018.

Program Observations:

An unannounced licensing visit took place on 2/3/25. All program areas were observed at that time. Staff were actively providing childcare at the time of the visit, and I met with OSS Major. She was in ratio. I later staffed the visit with Director Manser. This building has two large classrooms broken up by a kitchen and office area in between. The rooms can be divided up to keep children of differing ages separate. Th

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is the only licensed site in town.

The Director has been proactive meeting with CCR&R and IDPH.

The center arrangement has changed the past year making the space more open and attractive.

The center Director has implemented organization systems. Center violations have decreased. This is duly noted..

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

1. 109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name. The program agreed to get a label for an epi pen.

2. 109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep. The program agreed to feed children every 3 hours. This may mean moving snack and mealtimes or adding a later pm snack.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center be 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.

IHHS encourages you to contact your local nurse consultant with IDPH. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. CCNC Mandi Lauderman Nurse Consultants (Iowa Department of Public Health) serves as CCNC for this center. The center is responsible for contacting CCNC Lauderman for consultation regarding health and safety issues such as hand washing, outdoor play area regulations, toppling or tipping hazards, etc....

IHHS recommends the center consult with Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website for more information: http://www.iowaccrr.org. Your Consultant is Karen Lauer. She is available to assist with questions or concerns related to curriculum, supervision, transitions, behaviors, etc...

CCR&R and IDPH should be consulted throughout the year. The Director sought consultation and technical assistance from the agencies prior to opening. Director Manser accessed Iowa Department of Public Health Child Care Nurse Consultant Laura Peterman three years ago. This is best practice and duly noted. She arranged an Injury Prevention Checklist audit, but the audit was cancelled and not rescheduled as CCNC Peterman left the position. HHS recommends Director Manser contact CCNC Lauderman. The Director followed up with this recommendation last year and asked CCNC Lauderman to conduct a Health and Safety checklist. This was performed in March last year. CCNC Lauderman indicated she provided technical assistance the past year but had no in person visits.

The center met with Consultant Lauer and Supervisor Leann Andre (CCR&R) on 3/15/22. They met with Consultant Lauer and CCNC Tammy Merrill from Jefferson County on 4/19/23 and covered CACFP, the services CCNCs provide, trainings for medication administration and health and safety policies. They also covered room arrangement. Consultant Lauer provided the following the past year: 2 on-site visits with topics: Training Consultation, Quality Improvement Planning and Business Policies & Practices, 11 TA's with topics: Quality Improvement Planning, Training Consultation, Business Policies & Practices, HHS Referral and Refer/Support to Other Programs.

*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.