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

Name of Center: Jackson Recovery Centers Little Inspirations **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30110

Street: 3200 W 4th St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51103 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 3200 W 4th St, Sioux City, IA, 51103

Director's Name: Melinda Mahlberg **Phone Number:** 712-258-4578

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** mmahlberg@rosecrance.org

Date(s) of Visit: 06-09-2025

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:** 06-30-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-15-2024

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	12		15		27
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2025 to 07-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 06-10-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I completed an unannounced visit on 06/09/24. I was able to speak with the director Mindy Mahlberg. Mindy became the director in March of this year, and we have had communication several times as she stepped into this new role Ms. Mahlberg has her certificate of childcare direct certificate as well as the NAC Administrator certificate. She has been an employee of Little Inspiration since 2017 and has had various other roles. She also has previous experience as a director for different childcare center.

Jackson Recovery Centers Little Inspirations Daycare is a center that is located in the Women and Children's Center. The daycare consists of one infant room and a large room for children ages 2 and above. The center serves children ages infants to school age (5years old). Children are usually in the program 4 weeks to 4 months as this is a short-term program. Program hours are Monday through Friday to 7:30am to 3:30pm. There are 16 children enrolled in the program. There were 14 children present on the day of my visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The center has many colorful visual aids hanging thought out the center that include, shapes, the alphabet, weather and children’s artwork. They have rugs on the floor with car tracks for children to play on. They use a creative curriculum.

During my visit the children were eating lunch. I observed good hand washing by both children and staff. Children in the program were inquisitive and asked this worker questions and showed me their artwork. Staff has a positive relationship with the children in the center.

Meals are prepared onsite. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP program nutritional guidelines. Menus were posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Medication dispensation is handled by the onsite nurse. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills need to be documented each month. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

This worker observed the playground. It is a grass and is fenced-in and located behind the building. Balls and assorted toys are available in the area. Playground equipment is in good repair. There is a nice shade tree in this area.

I do note that swaddle sleep sacks were being used in the infant room. I did tell them that his are not recommended and should not be used unless doctor recommended and this information would need to be included in the child files.

Goals of the program is to utilize the IQ4K program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

They have been in transition from the previous director and have adjusted well. The do utilize CCR&R and have a core group of staff they can count on.

Records were organized and contained necessary information.

Good core group of staff.

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

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: 1
Information lacking: Child file needs to identify a dentist with phone number and address

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The program needs to email consultant by 07-31-25 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.