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

Name of Center: Little Knights Learning Center - Mechanicsville **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 42543

Street: 609 125th ST **City:** Mechanicsville Iowa **Zip** 52306 **County:** Cedar

Mailing Address: 609 125th ST, Mechanicsville, IA, 52306

Director's Name: Maria Porter **Phone Number:** 563-432-6752

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** mporter@north-cedarstu.org

Date(s) of Visit: 10-04-2023

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:** 07-10-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-29-2022

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

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	20	16	15	60	111
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 10-09-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Little Knights Learning Center-Mechanicsville on 10/4/23. The center provides childcare for infants to school age children. The center is open Monday-Friday 6am to 6pm. The center has 30 children enrolled. The center is located inside of Mechanicsville Elementary. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/29/2022.

The director is Maria Porter. The director started in 9/2018. The director has a Para Educator Degree.

The center three classrooms, cafeteria, and gymnasium.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center is on CACFP. The center offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit.

The center offers field trips for preschool to school aged children during the summer. They have gone to the splash pads, parks, movie theater, and museums.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center utilizes Bright Wheel for open parent communication.
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
-The center director has been with the center since 9/2018.
-Child and staff files were in full compliance.
-Information about the center can be found at: https://www.north-cedar.org/Little-Knights-Learning-Centers/
-The librarian comes to the center throughout the year.

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.
-A paper towel dispenser needs to be installed by the changing table in the infant room.
-The gate in the infant room is not secure. The gate needs to be replaced or repaired.

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.