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

Name of Center: Little Smiles and Company, Inc. **Enrollment:** 29 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51700

Street: 1003 Broad ST **City:** Adair Iowa **Zip** 50002 **County:** Adair

Mailing Address: PO Box 193, Adair, IA, 50002

Director's Name: Shannon Romans **Phone Number:** 641-742-3031

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** littlesmilesadair@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-19-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **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: 01-14-2022

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 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	9	5	15	6	35
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2024 to 01-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 07-03-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Little Smiles and Company, Inc. on 6-19-2024. The center opened on 1-17-2022, it was previously Kid Zone Early Learning Center 2. The center provides child care to infant age to school age children Monday - Friday 6:00 am to 5:30 pm. There are 29 children enrolled. I met with Kenna during my licensing visit, she is the interim director until Shannon Romans begins employment as the director on 7-5-2025.

Observation of rooms:
There are two program rooms, infant room and two years and older room. The children were playing, eating lunch and having nap time. Make sure you are following the 3 step bottle procedure for disinfecting and sanitizing. 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA child care approved product for disinfecting and sanitizing. The daily sheets are done on the Brightwheel app. There were several types of containers i.e. swing, bouncy seat etc. in the infant area. I am recommending that you remove some of these as minimal to no uses of these containers is recommended. Staff were using diaper wipes after diaper changing in rather then hand washing, children's hands must be washed with soap and water after diaper changing. Please train staff on hand washing requirements immediately. There were twelve children on the two and older side of the room, including one school age child - You will need to review ratio requirements and separation of age requirements as your room with two years and older will need to be modified. The room had a daily schedule and lesson plans/activities. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children.
Staff purses were accessible to the children, please make sure staff place their purses and person belongings somewhere that isn't accessible to the children - this is considered a health and safety hazard.
The room was a little too dark during nap time, you must be able to see the children's faces and chest rise - make the room lighter.

Nutrition:
The meals are prepared onsite. During the summer the Boys & Girls Club provides lunch. Please make sure you are following the CACFP food program guidelines. Menus were posted.

Health and Safety:
The monthly fire/tornado drills were practiced and documented. Please send me an email and let me know the date and score of your current radon testing. Refer to your handbook for information on radon and the frequency is it required, test results need to be under a 4.0 pCi/L. If your score is higher than 4.0 pCi/L you can discuss next steps with the radon specialist with the Iowa Department of Public Health. It was reported that the center has all electric appliances.
Please review and train staff on hand washing.

Playground:
Monthly playground inspections were completed - the center needs the current playground safety inspection form. Refer to the Handbook For Public Playground Safety for information on surfacing and equipment. Kenna reported they go rubber mulch for the playground.

Transportation:

Transportation services aren't provided.

Administration records:
Staff files were read, some staff were needing training. Please review all staff files and have staff sign up for training to meet their requirements. Child files were read - registration information needs updated annually - some files needed updated emergency medical contact information for the doctor and the dentist. The name and phone number are required for the doctor and the dentist. There is an annual statement of health form that you can use for school age children, as they aren't required to have an annual physical.
It was reported that a board member is doing the paper work/files until the new director starts.
Staff meeting and board meetings are monthly.
Child Care Resource and Referral has worked with the center in the past on licensing topics.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Little Smiles And Company, Inc is an excellent resource for the community.

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

109.10(8): Children’s hand washing: Center shall ensure staff assist children in personal hygiene. For each infant or child with a disability, a separate cloth for washing and one for rinsing may be used in place of running water. Children’s hands shall be washed:Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity. After using the restroom or being diapered.After handling animals.
Staff were using diaper wipes after diaper changing in rather then hand washing, children's hands must be washed with soap and water after diaper changing. Please train staff on hand washing requirements immediately.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
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109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Little Smiles And Company, Inc for 1-1-2024 to 1-1-2026.

forms and information emailed to the center: monthly playground safety inspection, school age annual statement of health and ratio requirements and age separation.

*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.