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

Name of Center: Lil' Grease Monkey Childcare **Enrollment:** 3 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52634

Street: 808 W Thomas AVE **City:** Shenandoah Iowa **Zip** 51601 **County:** Page

Mailing Address: 808 W Thomas AVE, Shenandoah, IA, 51601

Director's Name: Hannah Rief **Phone Number:** 712-581-9003

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** lilgreasemonkeychildcare@aol.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-18-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-29-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-20-2024

Comments :

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 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	14	9	6	37
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2024 to 09-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-15-2024

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 Lil' Grease Monkey Childcare on 8-18-2024. (A previous visit was made to Lil' Grease Monkey Childcare on 4-29-2024) This is a new center that is located in a business district in Shenandoah Iowa. Child care services are provided to children infant age to school age. The hours are 6:30 am to 6:30 pm Monday through Friday. Hannah Rief is the director and Nicole Cole is the on-site supervisor. There were three children enrolled at the time of my licensing visit, more children were starting in October 2024.

Observation of rooms:
This is a new center that opened on Monday September 16, 2024. The center looks great and is decorated with the fun automotive theme. The center is one large open room separated into program areas according to ages of children (Hannah has been give information on ratio and age of separation of children). There is a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Hannah is working on developing the activity centers. There are two sinks in the main area of the center, one sink will be used for hand washing after diaper changing and the other sink with be used for meal prep. At the time of my visit there were three three year old children enrolled, the children were having fun playing. Hannah and another staff person were present, they had excellent interactions with the children, they were nurturing, and attentive to the needs of the children. The center has a daily schedule and lesson plans/activities. The center is using the Procare child care app.
The center has a laundry room. An additional exit in the back of the center was added.
Staff purses were accessible to the children - this is considered a health and safety hazard. Please make sure staff store their personal belongs, purses in a place that isn't accessible to the children. Please remove push pins/tacks from the center as they are considered a health and safety hazard if children find them on the floor they could swallow them.

Nutrition:
The center has a kitchen and meals are prepared on-site, they have a convection oven, microwave etc. (no gas or electric oven)Hannah has been planning the menus and she is following the CACFP food program guidelines. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures will be followed when a child in prescribed medication. Hannah will begin completing and documenting monthly fire and tornado drills. Hannah reported that the building has all electric appliances. Please refer to the DHHS handbook on information regarding radon testing and the frequency of testing.
Make sure you are following the three bottle procedure for sanitizing and disinfecting 1. Soap/water for cleaning 2. Water for rinsing and 3. You EPA and child care approved products for sanitizing and disinfecting. (Three separate bottles for sanitizing and disinfecting) If you are using bleach/water follow the directions on the specific bottle of bleach you are using or on the product website.

Playground:
The center has a fenced playground area located down the alley. There is a swing set and small picnic table, they will be getting a shade tent. If you have equipment that is over 18" you will need surfacing. Please refer to the handbook for public

playgrounds for information on surfacing, equipment, fall zones etc. I discussed outdoor classrooms, nature environment etc. with Hannah, if you are going to keep the swing set you will need to have the proper coverage of surfacing (Swing sets can be difficult to have as they require twice the height of the swing set in the front and back for surfacing and clearance).

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. The center will go on walking field trips.

Administrative records:
Child files were read - a file needed emergency contact information for the doctor and the dentist, their names and phone numbers are required another file needed emergency contact information for the parent. You also need immunization records for all children on the Iowa form.
You can use the annual statement of health for school age children.
Staff files were read some files needed the complete record check information and a staff physical. Please review record check information. If a record check says further research required you need to wait until the record check is clear before they can be hired. You need to go back in the system to print the complete record check.
Hanna will be hiring staff as the enrollment continues to grow, she maintains daily contact with staff and will have staff meetings.
Hanna has received assistance from resource and referral.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Hannah is very enthusiastic and proud of her new child care center. She is very confident and organized. She is working hard learning the DHHS rules and regulations.
Hannah would like to apply for IQ4K.
Your new center is a wonderful resource for the community.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and nurturing.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Staff files were read some files needed the complete record check information. Please review record check information. If a record check says further research required you need to wait until the record check is clear before they can be hired. You need to go back in the system to print the complete record check.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Staff files were read, one staff needed a physical. Make sure staff physicals are on the required DHHS staff physical form.

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.
Child files were read - a file needed emergency contact information for the doctor and the dentist, their names and phone numbers are required another file needed emergency contact information for the parent.

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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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 9-1-2024 to 9-1-2026.

*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.