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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Lil' Vikes Child Care Center

Provider No.: 52205

Address: 117 N Elm ST, Avoca, IA, 51521

County: Pottawattamie

Director's Name: Jamie Hastie and Emily Eyler

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 09/18/2025

Licensing Period: 06/01/2025 to 06/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/30/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		10	10	8	28
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced visit was made to Lil' Vikes Child Care Center in Avoca, Iowa on 9/18/25. The center opened in June 2023 . Jamie Hastie and Emily Eyler are co-directors. Jamie and Emily previously worked in a child care center. Capacity for the center is 28 children and the current enrollment is 27. There were five children present when I was at the center. I met with Emily during my licensing visit 9/18/25.

Observation of Room:
The center was in ratio. The center looks great. It is one large room with a half wall separating one area. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There were five children present during my visit and they were all napping. Jamie was positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The center takes walking field trips to the park, post office, library, etc. Jamie and Emily prepare lesson plans/activities. The lesson plans/activities were posted. The center obtained a grant in 2024 to purchase curriculum. They are using Lillio Learning by Funshine Express. The center does drop-in care for all ages.

Nutrition:
The children provide their own lunch. Lunches are kept in the refrigerator. The center provides breakfast and snacks. Menus are posted. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was completed in June 2025 and was in the acceptable range. Radon testing is required every five years if the test results are under 4.0 pCi/L. Medication management procedures are followed. Bedding is washed weekly. Bleach water is used for sanitizing/disinfecting. Please follow the directions on your specific bottle of bleach for mixing instructions for sanitizing and disinfecting. If the mixing instructions aren't on the bottle of bleach, go to the website on the bottle for instructions. Please use the three-bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water must be mixed daily. Emily reported that the building has all electrical appliances, therefore your center doesn't require an annual fuel burning inspection. When the children were napping, all of the children were not visible to Emily. Rooms must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Staff must be able to see the children’s face and chest so they can see it rise and know they are breathing.

Playground:
The center has a fenced outdoor playground area located in the back of the center up the stairs. The staff takes out toys for the children to play with on the playground. The playground has a cement slab that allows the children to play on riding toys. The monthly safety playground inspection was completed.

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Transportation:
No transportation services are provided by the center.

Administration:
Two staff files were read and were in good order. Three children's files were read and were in good order. One was missing the annual permission as to who is allowed to pick up the child. Following my licensing visit Jamie and Emily printed the emergency medical contact information for the doctor and dentist. The center uses the Playground App.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Jamie and Emily have done a great job learning the DHHS child care licensing rules and operating their center. They have worked very hard and continue to build enrollment. They are very proud and enthusiastic about their center. Emily was very helpful during my licensing visit. The center looks great and is a wonderful resource for the community. The center is IQ4K Level 1.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)a-c: All files contain sufficient information to allow the center to contact the parent or emergency contact at any time child is in center's care as well as who can pick up the child as authorized by the parent. One of the files was missing who is allowed to pick up the child.

109.11(2)b: Program space must meet the following conditions: Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all children who nap. Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing must be maintained. The center will have sufficient toilet articles for each child for hand washing. It was not possible for Jamie to see all of the children napping due to the setup of the room. You must always be able to see the children's faces and chests rise so you can see they are breathing.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 6/1/25 to 6/1/27.

I have consulted with a supervisor and we are authorizing the use of 109.8(2)(d) which will allow this program to have a variance with the combination of age groupings. Given that the center has one room, capacity will be limited to allow 2–4-year-olds to be grouped together.

Date: 09/29/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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