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

Name of Center: Little Hawks Kid Care **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51574

Street: 410 Pine Street **City:** Mondamin Iowa **Zip** 51557 **County:** Harrison

Mailing Address: PO Box 48, Mondamin, IA, 51557

Director's Name: Tara Rife **Phone Number:** 712-308-4615

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** trife@w-harrison.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 07-23-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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: 07-30-2024

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit Non-Profit X NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			15	15	30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 08-04-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Little Hawks Kid Care on 7-23-2024.
This program is located in the West Harrison Community School in Mondamin, Iowa. The program provides before and after school child care for preschool and school age children. Hours of operation are 6:00 am to 7:45 Monday - Friday and 3:30 pm - 6:00pm M, T, Th, F, Wednesdays are early out days 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Full day child care is provided on in service days, school breaks and during the summer.
Tara Rife is the director. She has an associates of applied science degree/early childhood studies and she is taking classes to get her teaching degree. She has previously been a registered child care provider. Tara is a para educator during the day.
There are 30 children enrolled.

Observation of room:
The program room looks great, it is located in the preschool classroom. There is a great variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Toys are rotated frequently. There were three children and two staff - Tara and Morgan. The children were having fun playing with playdough. Tara and Morgan had excellent interactions with the children, they have fun with the children.
Tara prepares the lesson plans/activities.
The gym and the playground are also used.
There is a sink in the room and a restroom with one toilet and one sink. There are additional restrooms down the hallway. Make sure the children are accompanied to the restroom when using the restroom down the hall way.
Walking field trips are taken to the park, splash pad and the library. During the school year the librarian comes to the program.

Nutrition:
The school provides the breakfast, lunch and the program provides snacks. Tara follows the CACFP food program guidelines. Menus are posted. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and Safety:
Tara reported medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. Please have the parents sign the medication log.
The center has a first aid kit. The monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Since you are in a school, the Department of Education is responsible for radon testing compliance and DHHS licensing is no longer required to review radon testing. Radon testing was completed in October 2021and the score was 2.0 pCi/L. Radon test scores must be under a 4.0 pCi/L.
Tara reported she is properly sanitizing with the three step bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA approved sanitizing product, make sure the product is safe for child care - you can review your product with your child care nurse consultant.
You will need to ask your maintenance person if there are fuel burning appliances i.e. furnace, boiler. If the heat is fuel burning you will need to have a copy of the annual boiler inspection/boiler inspection.

Playground:
The school playground is used. Monthly playground safety inspections are completed.

Administrative records:
Child files were read and were in good order.
Please use the annual statement of health form signed by the parent for school age children.
Two staff files, Tara needs a current physical of the required DHHS form. Staff are working on training.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Little Hawks Kid Care is a wonderful resource for the community.
Tara Rife is very positive and enthusiastic about the program. Tara and Morgan had excellent interactions with the children.
Tara was very helpful and organized during my visit.
The center receives donations of toys throughout the year.

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

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.
Tara needs a current physical of the required DHHS form.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
You will need to ask your maintenance person if there are fuel burning appliances i.e. furnace, boiler. If the heat is fuel burning you will need to have a copy of the annual boiler inspection/boiler inspection.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2023 to 8-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 7-23-2024.

*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.