

CHILD CARE CENTER COMPLAINT

Name of Center: Wee School For Little People	Enrollment: 85	License ID: 18569
Street: 949 12th AVE N	City: Clinton	IA Zip Code: 52732 County: Clinton
Mailing Address: 949 12th AVE N		
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Director's Name: Shari Determan	Center Phone Number: 563-243-6650	
On-Site Supervisors:	E-Mail Address: shdeterman@gmail.com	

Date of Complaint: 05-01-2026**Date of Visit:** 05-11-2026
☐ Scheduled
☒ Unannounced
☐ NA

☒ Non-Compliance with Regulations Found
☐ Compliance with Regulations Found
RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE☒ **NO CHANGES to licensing status recommended**☐ **PROVISIONAL license from** to☐ **SUSPENSION of License**☐ **REVOCATION of License****Complaint Details:**Did this complaint result in a serious injury? ☐ Yes ☒ NoDid this complaint result in a death to a child? ☐ Yes ☒ No**Summary of Complaint:**

Cleaning products are left in places the children can get to them (spray bottles and wipes on counters, low tables not in cabinets).

The three year old room had an infant along with 10 to 12 older children and only one adult/teacher in the room. The parents are concerned about the big kids on playground at the same time as the younger children age two and three.

A child had skinned knees and stomach, and the parents were not told what happened and were not given an incident report.

Licensing Rules Relevant to the Complaint:

109.8(2) Ratio maintained in center as required: Brief absence of staff person permitted for 5 or less minutes when another staff person is present. At least one staff is present in every room where children are resting. If ratio reduced to one staff per room during nap time, does not exceed one hour and ratio in center is still maintained. Ratio in infant rooms is always maintained. When more than eight children are present on the licensed premises, at least two staff members shall be present. For a period of two hours or less at the beginning and end of the center's hours of operation, one staff member may care for eight or fewer children, provided no more than four of the children are under two years of age and there are no more than eight children in the center. Ratio exceeded for school-age children when school classes unexpectedly start late, are dismissed early, or cancelled. For no more than four hours, care is limited to children already in the program and licensed capacity is not exceeded.

109.10(8) Recording incidents: Parents shall be notified on the day of the incident involving a child that includes: Minor injuries. Minor changes in health status. Minor behavioral concerns. Incidents resulting in injury to a child. Shall be verbally notified immediately when there is: A serious injury to a child. An incident resulting in a significant change in health status. An incident includes the child being involved in inappropriate, sexually acting out behavior. A WRITTEN report, fully documenting every incident, shall be provided to the parent or authorized person. This should be completed by staff that witnessed the incident and retained in child file. Serious injuries and deaths must be reported to the Department within 24 hours.

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109.10(14)a The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.

Inspection Findings:

The center was visited unannounced on 5/11/26 to discuss the reported concerns with the center owner/director, Shari Determan, and other staff. The regular licensing visit also took place on the same date, so various observations were made throughout the center on this day. The staff were spoken to separately.

109.8(2) Ratio maintained in center as required. VIOLATED

Staff stated there are times they are combining 10 children ages two through five years in the lunchroom area. Staff state there might also be a mixed group of an infant, three year old, and school age child with two staff. Staff different groups do go outside at the same time, however, the children are divided as they are supposed to be with a group using the deck space and another group using the rest of the outdoor play area. Staff state they put a bench across the opening to the deck as a barrier. The center is cited with regard to how they are combining children. The center has been reminded previously of allowable age combinations, including in licensing reports. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, three year old children may not be combined with school age children, and children under 18 months of age may not be combined with children age two and older unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the first two hours and/or last two hours of the center's operation, with eight or fewer children in total left at the center, and with only one staff in ratio.

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Shari and the other staff denied any knowledge any incident involving skinned knees and stomach. The center is not cited with regard to this portion of the complaint as there is not specific information to indicate a licensing violation.

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. NOT VIOLATED

Observations made throughout the center on the day of the visit did not provide evidence that safety hazards such as cleaning chemicals are left accessible to the children.

Special Notes and Action Required:

The center is again reminded of the allowable age combinations and will need to ensure compliance. The center director shall ensure these rules are explained to staff and that the center is staffed and children are grouped accordingly.

Consultant's Signature:

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Date:

06-10-2026