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

Name of Center: Lakin Foundation Childcare Devel Ctr of Griswold **Enrollment:** 70 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52459

Street: 1105 North Street **City:** Griswold Iowa **Zip** 51535 **County:** Cass

Mailing Address: PO Box 12, Griswold, IA, 51535

Director's Name: Chelsea Dvorak **Phone Number:** 712-778-2273

On-Site Supervisor(s): Nicole Dolph **E-Mail:** lakinofgriswold@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-19-2024

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:** 03-07-2024

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

Date Inspected: 01-16-2024

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 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	20	20	20	30	90
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2024 to 05-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 09-06-2024

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 Lakin Foundation Childcare Development Center on 7-19-2024. This is a new center that was built and opened on 5-13-2024, it is located next to the Griswold Community School. The Noble Initiative takes care of the center grounds and the Lakin board takes care of the day to day functions.
Chelsea Dvorack is the director and Nicole Dolph in the on-site supervisor.
Child care services are offered to infant to school age children Monday - Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm. There are 70 children enrolled.
I met with the director Chelsea Dvorak during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
"Our center is crafted to support children at all developmental stages, from infants to school age. We are dedicated to providing a safe and nurturing environment where each child can grow and develop at their own pace."
"At the Lakin Foundation Child Development Center of Griswold, we believe that each child is gifted with a set of individual strengths and unique talents that can flourish with encouragement in an emotionally secure, physically safe, and fun environment."
The rooms look great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and toys. All rooms were in ratio. Chelsea works in the program rooms as necessary. The rooms have lesson plans, the Iowa Early Learning Standards are used. Some room changes/adjustments were made to accommodate the number of children. The school age room on the original floor plan is now the large motor activity room and the school age room is now in the gym. The gym/school age room has three toilets and three sinks (two toilets and two sinks were added). The center has a laundry room .
The children were having fun participating in a variety of activities. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and playing with the children.
The Procare child care app is used for a variety of functions, including communicating with parents.
Staff walk the preschool and school age children to and from the Griswold Community School located next door every day.
Chelsea has worked the Child Care Resource and Referral and the child care nurse consultant on a variety of topics.
Enrollment continues to grow.

Nutrition:
Company Kitchen provides breakfast, lunch and snack. Menus are posted. The kitchen looked great, it was very clean and proper food storage was observed. They have a dish washer/sanitizer. Chelsea will apply for the federal food program.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The center has all electric appliances. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Staff have been trained on the emergency policies and procedures. Radon testing in program rooms is required within the first year of licensing (You don't need a radon test in hall ways, kitchen, offices etc. - only program rooms). You can see if your local health department has radon test kits to purchase, the kit including lab reading are around $15.00 - $20.00 per kit.

Playground:

The playground will be constructed soon. They can use the grass area at this time, they also use the school playground next door.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide daily transportation services. They take walking field trips to the Griswold Community School located next door.

Administrative records:
Staff and child files were read and were in excellent order. Staff meetings and board meetings are held every month.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The new center is a wonderful resource for the community. The Nobile Initiative and the Lakin board provide positive support and guidance. Chelsea is very proud and enthusiastic about the center, she has done an excellent job learning the child care rules. She is very organized and has done an excellent job training staff. The center provides a safe environment with daily fun and educational activities. The center applies for grants for equipment and supplies for the center.
Staff had wonderful interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Staff worked well together and are very excited about the new center. Chelsea encourages open communication with parents and staff and feels it is very important for staff to feel appreciated.
Staff are interested in the TEACH/WAGES program.
The center will apply for IQ4K.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 5-1-2024 to 5-1-2026.

*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.