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

Name of Center: Little Rascals Daycare and Preschool **Enrollment:** 85 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19253

Street: 1125 Rockdale Rd **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52003 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 1125 Rockdale Rd, Dubuque, IA, 52003

Director's Name: Alexandria Rath **Phone Number:** 563-582-2400

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tabitha Rolfe **E-Mail:** littlerascalsdubuque@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-07-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 11-19-2024

Comments : Fire inspector approval for change in configuration of the center received on 6/4/25.

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	32	16	36	18	102
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2025 to 09-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 04-18-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 4/7/25. The owner and director is Alexandria Rath. Alexandria meets center director qualifications. Alexandria was present on the day of the visit. The on site supervisor, Tabitha Rolfe, was present along with other staff on the day of the visit. Tabitha accompanied the licensing consultant for the majority of the visit. The center serves children age six weeks to 12 years and does offer before and after school and non-school day care for school-age children. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of program space on the main level and lower level of the building. The main level includes the nursery (age six weeks to 12 months) and toddler room (age 12 months through 23 months). It is noted that these two rooms have exchanged locations since the last licensing visit. There is also a "middle room" that is described as the school age area. There is a restroom (two toilets and two hand washing sinks) that is used by the school-age room. There is a second restroom area between the school-age area and the toddler room (two toilets, no sinks). The lower level includes the two year old room (two years), prek room (four/five years, middle room), and three year old room (three/four years).It is noted that the three year old and prek rooms have also exchanged locations since the last licensing visit. There are two additional shared restrooms that are adjacent to (between) the rooms on the lower level. All program space was observed.

This center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, and a later afternoon/evening snack all prepared on site by the designated kitchen staff in the center's kitchen. The center does not participate in the CACFP program. The kitchen area continues to be organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center continues to be managed well by the on site supervisor and center director. The on site supervisor has a CDA certification. The center has obtained IQ4K level one certification. The staff appear to work well together. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities. The center director reports that she is currently working toward her Bachelor's degree in early childhood education. The on site supervisor reports she is working toward her Associates degree in early childhood. The center is bright with lots of windows on both floors. The center has a good supply of books stored in the hallway area on the lower level, arranged by subject/topic to make them more accessible to staff for planning purposes. Daily notes are completed for all children except school age children at the center. The center holds parent/teacher conferences annually for all but the school age children. The center's licensing documentation, staff files, and child files were found again to be highly organized. The center has has new flooring installed throughout the center since the last licensing visit.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The fire inspector approval for the change in the configuration received on 6/4/25. The report can be completed.

The administrative change aspect of the report is completed to reflect the change in the license capacity based on the current configuration of the center. The individual rooms can have have the following maximum capacities:

Main Floor:
Nursery = 12 children (cribs)
School Age (middle room) = 18 children
Toddler = 20 children (no cribs)

Lower Level:
Twos = 16 children
Prek (middle room) = 12 children
Threes = 24 children

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Action plan is needed for the seizure medication.
2. Ensure kitchen door remains closed at all times.

This center will continue with a full license. Please address the concern(s) noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.