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

Name of Center: Wee School For Little People **Enrollment:** 83 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18569

Street: 949 12th AVE N **City:** Clinton Iowa **Zip** 52732 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: 949 12th AVE N, Clinton, IA, 52732

Director's Name: Shari Determan **Phone Number:** 563-243-6650

On-Site Supervisor(s): none **E-Mail:** shdeterman@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-15-2025

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

Date Inspected: 06-26-2024

Comments :

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	16	12	62		90
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2024 to 11-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 05-27-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit took place at this center on 4/15/25. This center is privately owned, and for profit, by Shari Determan. Shari is also the center director. Shari was present at the center at the time of the visit. This center provides care to infants through children age 10, including a before and after school and non school day care for school age children. The building is a home that has been converted to a child care center and includes program space on both the main and lower levels of the building. The center does not currently participate in the voluntary preschool grant program.

The main level of the building includes the infant/toddler room, two year old room, three year old preschool room, four year old preschool room (also used as the school age room), and toddler play room (used for gross motor play for infants and toddlers). The three to five year old daycare room ("fun factory") and "gym" area are located on the lower level of the building. There is a small area adjacent to the kitchen where some children eat meals/snacks and used for some school age child care ("lunch room"). Program rooms were generally adequately stocked with age appropriate toys, arts/crafts supplies, and centers in the program rooms.

The "lunch room" and two year old room both include a hand washing sink. The two year old room also includes a diapering station. The four/five year old preschool room includes two adjacent restroom areas used for the children (one toilet and one hand washing sink in each). The three year old preschool room includes a hand washing sink. The infant/toddler room includes two diapering stations, one hand washing sink, and two sinks used for food/bottle preparation activities. There are two hallway restroom areas on the main floor (one toilet/one urinal/one hand washing sink and two toilets/one hand washing sink) as well as a three fountain hand washing trough type sink just outside of these restroom areas. A restroom area is adjacent to the lower level program room (one toilet/one diaper station/one hand washing sink).

The center does not participate in the CACFP. All snacks and meals are prepared on site in the center's kitchen. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. It is noted that parents supply the snack for the entire class on a rotating basis in the four year old preschool and the three year old preschool programs. The kitchen appears clean and is highly organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is owned and operated by an experienced director/owner who has been at the center for many years. The staff appear to work well together. The outdoor area continues to be large and offers a variety of activities, and continues to be Nature Explore certified. The children grow a garden in the outdoor area during the summer. The center appears clean and organized, and includes plenty of books that are arranged by topic for easy access to the staff which should enhance activity/lesson planning. The children's crafts and projects are posted throughout the center. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. Licensing documentation for the licensing binder was organized.

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

109.8(2) Ratio maintained in center as required by age.
1. Toddler play room was observed out of ratio when one staff left to the infant/toddler room to clean tables.

STAFF FILES:
109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed Iowa record check was due 7/2024 and has not been completed.
2. _1_ staff file reviewed Iowa record check was due 7/2024 and not completed until 4/2025.

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.
1. _2_ staff files reviewed did not have current physical (one expired 12/2023 and the other 6/2024).

CHILD FILES:
109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
1. _4_ child files reviewed did not have the annual update.

109.10(1)a Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months
prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and
acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
109.10(1)b School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the
child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
1. _3_ child files reviewed did not have a current physical/statement of health.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
1. Diaper ointments accessible to children in diaper station cabinet in two year old room.
2. Sunscreen, plastic bags, and spray chemicals accessible to children in the restroom area of the fun factory room. Children use this restroom area more privately and can reach these items.
3. Wood chips in the fall zone area of the outdoor climbing equipment are not to the adequate depth required.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
1. Radon test completed April 2024 is at 4.1 level. It was noted on the last report that director was to follow through with long term testing.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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. Post schedule for before and after school for school age children for the four/five year old preschool room that is also used for school age child care.
2. Remove items from menu that are considered choking hazards such as raisins.
3. A better stool is recommended for the toddlers to reach the hand washing sink in the infant toddler room. Check with CCRR as there may be resources available to assist with purchasing this.
4. Ensure items are not out at the diaper station (diapers, gloves, tissues). Surface shall remain clear of items so things are not contaminated and so the surface can be properly cleaned and disinfected. Items needed for each diaper change should be gotten out prior to starting.
5. Ensure snack that children bring from home for the preschool class shows on the posted menu (and meets CACFP requirements).
6. Repair lower part of the fence gate in the outdoor area so that it closes properly and does not present an entrapment or escape hazard.

The center will continue with a full license, however, immediate attention is needed in the area of staff and child file compliance. This has been an ongoing concern discussed with the center director but with not much improvement. The center is being referred to work with the CCRR consultant for file compliance. The center shall submit a corrective action

plan within 30 days of the receipt of this report including evidence that a full audit of staff and child files has been completed and a specific plan for brining all into compliance. Ensure the specific date each staff person started at the center is indicated. The file audits shall establish a tracking system that will be utilized to help ensure compliance can be maintained moving forward.

*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.