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

Name of Center: Little Treasures **Enrollment:** 89 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50648

Street: 2035 Radford Rd **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52002 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 2035 Radford Rd, Dubuque, IA, 52002

Director's Name: Alexandria Rath **Phone Number:** 563-556-3800

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tammy Sprecher **E-Mail:** littletreasuresdubuque@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-08-2025

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **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 :

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	26	13	72		111
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:** 04-28-2025

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 4/8/25. Alexandria Rath is the owner of the center and is the qualified center director. This is one of two centers that Alexandria owns and operates. Alexandria is the center director for both sites. Alexandria was present at the center on the day of the visit. The approved on site supervisor for this center is Tammy Sprecher. Tammy was present on the day of the visit. The center provides care for children age six weeks to 12 years. The program includes before and after school care and non school day care for school-age children. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Program.

The center consists of program space on the main and lower levels of the building. The main level includes the nursery room (age six weeks to approximately 12 months), toddler room (approximately 12 months through 23 months), twos room (two years), and a "middle room" that is described as the school-age area. The lower level includes the threes room (three years), "pre p" room (three and four years), and prek room (four and five year old children). Diapering stations are included in the nursery, toddler, and twos rooms. The restrooms are all adjacent to the program rooms that share them on both floors. All program rooms include sink(s) for hand washing activities. Some rooms include a sink that is used for food/beverage preparation activities. Program areas generally included an adequate supply of books, art/craft supplies, and toys for free play.

This center serves breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and a later afternoon snack all prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. The center does not participate in the CACFP program. The kitchen area is organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center continues to be managed well by the center director and on site supervisor. The center director has a NAC certification and reports that she is currently working toward her Bachelor's degree in early childhood education. The center is bright with windows on both levels of the building. The flooring has been replaced throughout the center since the last licensing visit. The center has plenty of books that are arranged by topic. Children's crafts and projects are posted throughout the center. Information about daily activities at the center are provided to parents of all children through the center's online application. Staff appear to work well together and were observed to be engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. Licensing documentation and staff and child files were again found to be highly organized.

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

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. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. Staff observed washing hands in the "food sink" and next to food service items, and box of gloves set next to the handwashing sink in the twos room.
2. Child observed on the restroom floor changing pull up and/or clothing without supervision or assistance from staff.

Sanitary practices are needed for such restroom activities, and restroom areas shall be supervised.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
1. Current lesson/activity planning not posted or available for several program rooms.

109.12(5)b: Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.
1. Diaper procedures not followed as observed in the nursery. Gloves shall be removed before handling and putting on the clean diaper.

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. Ensure tables and any other surfaces used for food service activities are properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to the activity as required. Ensure sanitizing product completely covers the surface.
2. Ensure first aid kits locations are clearly labeled and remove labels from locations that no longer have a first aid kit. Ensure first aid kits are not accessible to the children.
3. Phone posting is needed at the phone in the twos, nursery, and prek rooms
4. Ensure at least two feet of space between cots at rest time (cots too close in the toddler and prek rooms).

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation(s) and/or 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.