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

Name of Center: Mater Dei's Little Saints **Enrollment:** 66 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30119

Street: 1312 Morningside Ave **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 1312 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Melissa Tiedtke **Phone Number:** 712-276-1647

On-Site Supervisor(s): Emily Torgesen **E-Mail:** MDP.littlesaints@materdeisc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-02-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-01-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-19-2023

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: 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	33	50	99
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-28-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Mater Dei Daycare on 02-02-24 and spoke Melissa Tiedtke, director. Ms Tiedtke has twenty seven years of experience working with children. Yellow Brick Road Preschool/Childcare is located in a two story building with a fenced-in playground adjacent to the building. There are two rooms(an upper level and lower level) in the center. The center operates Monday through Friday 6:45am to 5:45pm. The program serves children ages two to school age. The center also utilizes the Mater Dei school building across the street from the center from 3:30 to 4:45pm each day right after school for the school agers. The program utilizes the gym and the art room at the school. If there are any school age children left after 4:45pm then they bring them over to the main building at the end of the day. They also use the school during the summer as well if needed. The front doors are locked and Mater Dei staff let people into the building. The program operates M-F 7:00am to 5:30am during the summer. The program follows Mater Dei for any inclement weather. The center had changed their name from Yellow Brick Road Daycare to Mater Dei Daycare on 07-15-22 to show that they are affiliated with Mater Dei Church and school.

There are 66 children enrolled in the program, 35 which are school agers, 9 preschoolers, and 22 are childcare. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and continues to do everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, children's artwork and the alphabet. The center utilizes Creative Curriculum. The center follows the Mater Dei school for weather related closures.

The center has been updating their facility with the grants that they have applied for. The grants helped with putting in new window shades, water heater, shed, furnace/air conditioner, toys, table/chairs, cameras outside of the building, asphalt for the playground, new fence, new surfacing for playground and new play equipment, washer/dryer, cameras, as well as a new refrigerator. This past year the center added a foyer to the building, updates in the bathrooms, a smart board and tiling in the basement bathroom. The program continues in applying for grants to update the center. The program is using the Bright Wheel app to help with administration things, communication with parents, and payments.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Food is prepared onsite in a kitchen that is not accessible to the children. Refrigerator is kept at the appropriate temperature. Breakfast cereal is stored in plastic containers. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition, but is not currently on the food program. Menus were posted.

Center Health & Safety
Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Currently the center is not administering any medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire and tornado drills need to be documented monthly. Radon test had expired and needs to be completed. Annual heating inspection is complete at the school. The center is all electric. The center continues to have a gal to come into the center nightly to ensure that the center meets sanitary conditions. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. The program needs to have mats that the children sleep on covered. Discussions

were made regarding options to get them covered.

Center Playground
With the new fencing the center has just one big playground rather than two fenced-in playgrounds. They made what was their younger children's playground into a riding area and took out the playhouse with wood chips for surfacing. The playground climbing equipment, that has slides, climbing equipment, shade structure. Surfacing around the equipment is turf. Monthly playground inspection need to be documented. Shade is available on the playground.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center does not transport the children. If the center goes on a field trip they either walk or will take a city bus for the outing.

Center is continuing to update their facility. The board has designated an individual who the director can work with on getting the improvements completed.

Goals for the center are to complete IQ4K application, get mat coverings, new stove, and to look at building in professional development days for staff trainings.

Melissa feels the strengths of her program are that she has a good core of staff who are dedicated to the center; which they try and make program a home atmosphere. They have a good relationship with the children and their families. .

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center has staff who have been with the center for several years.

Staff have good relationship with the children and their families.

Center has a Bright Wheel app to help communicate with parents of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

Good room arrangement.

Positive interaction with the children.

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

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: Information was missing.

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.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room’s arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce

transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
Additional concerns: Mats for children to sleep on need to have covers.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please email licensing consultant by 03-22-24 confirming aspects that fall below licensing standards have been corrected.

A full license will remain in effect at this time

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.