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

Name of Center: Andrew Little Leaders Daycare **Enrollment:** 26 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47900

Street: 13 S Marion St **City:** Andrew Iowa **Zip** 52030 **County:** Jackson

Mailing Address: PO Box 230, Andrew, IA, 52030

Director's Name: Virginia Cornelius **Phone Number:** 563-672-3221

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** virginia.cornelius@andrew.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 01-24-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-19-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-18-2022

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 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	15	9	27		51
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-30-2025

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 1/24/25. Virginia Cornelius is the approved center director. This center is owned and operated by the Andrew Elementary School. The center occupies a two room building next to the main school building as well as one room within the school building itself. The center currently serves children age infant through five years. Before and after school care for school age children is currently not licensed as it is provided by a grant program exempt from licensing. The Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program is offered at the school and those children may stay for child care after that program ends.

The early childhood building is located on the school grounds and includes two separate program rooms joined together by a short hallway area. The building includes the following program rooms: infant room (zero through 23 months) and toddler room (currently two through five years). The center is currently operating under and exception to policy to allow this age combination through April 30th, 2025. The two program rooms were observed to be adequately stocked with accessible materials to support program needs. Program rooms are large and provide ample space for activities. Both rooms include appropriate diaper stations within the rooms. There are two restroom areas located in the short hallway area that connects the two rooms. Both program rooms also include hand washing sinks within the room. The infant room includes a sink that is only used for food preparation activities. The three year old preschool room is located in the main school building (three/four year old children through the end of the school day). That room is adequately supplied and organized with accessible materials to support program needs. Children from that room must travel to restroom areas located across the hall for all hand washing and restroom activities. Children from the three year old preschool are able to use the "old" school gym on rare occasion.

The center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. The center does not participate in the CACFP but understands the requirement to follow these guidelines. Breakfast and lunch are provided by the school and are prepared at the school kitchen which is licensed by the IDPH. Snacks are provided by the center. Breakfast and lunch are prepared by the center in the school kitchen on non school days. Children pay an extra fee for meals and snacks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is well managed. The program rooms provide ample space for the children. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities, and the staff appear to work well together. Licensing documentation and files are organized. The center director reports continuing to work with their CCRR consultant as recommended.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.6(6) Record checks. c. Iowa records checks. Checks and evaluations of Iowa child abuse and criminal records, including the sex offender registry, shall be completed before the person's involvement with child care at the center.
1. _2_ staff files reviewed did not have evidence that the Iowa record check was completed properly prior to the staff

person's involvement with child care.

109.6(6) Record checks. d. National criminal history checks (3) The child care center shall provide fingerprints to the department of public safety prior to a person's involvement with child care at the center.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed national record check has not been completed as required.

109.7(1) All staff (within first three months of employment): • Two hours of approved training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse within three months of employment. • At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. • Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. • Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. • Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _1_ staff file does not have first aid certification.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure current menu is posted and includes all meals/snacks served for the room in each program room.
2. Ensure current activity plan is posted for all program rooms and age groups.
3. A safe stool is needed so children can reach hand washing sink for children who are walking in the infant room.
4. Label diaper waste can for this material only in the restroom area of the child care building.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. It is recommended that the center continue to work closely with the CCRR consultant for assistance with licensing compliance. 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.