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

Name of Center: Shea's Learning Days Child Development Center LLC **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 40498

Street: 2308 AVE J **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51501 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 2308 AVE J, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501

Director's Name: Chanda Long **Phone Number:** 712-256-9919

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** sheaslearningdays@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-05-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 12-07-2021

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 X 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	12	6	25	24	67
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

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: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-18-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Shea's Learning Days Child Development Center on 11-5-2024. The center opened at this location on 5-5-2014. Chanda continues to be the director, she received her CDA is 2024. Child care services are offered to infants to school age children from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
There are 40 children enrolled. I met with Chanda and Kendra during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
There are two program rooms, they were in ratio. The rooms looked very nice, there is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The staff were attentive to the needs of the children. The infant room is for children six weeks to 15 months old. The daily sheets looked good, they are currently on the Procare child care app - they are in the process of switching to the Playground child care app. No shoes are allowed on the carpeted area, this is a health and safety precaution and is cleaner for the children. The room has two sinks, one for hand washing after diaper changing and the other sink is for meal preparation.
The large room separates the children into groups according to age (One year olds, two year olds and three year olds), the children were taking a nap. Reach for the Stars curriculum is used. The room had lesson plans/activities. Fun art work was displayed.
The center participates in the IQ4K program - level 3.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch and snacks are prepared on site in the kitchen. The center is on the federal food program, proper food storage was observed. Menus are prepared on a weekly basis and are posted.

Health and safety:
The staff follow the medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication and they have the medication log. Fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented each month. Two radon tests were completed in August 2024 with test results of 1.4 pCi/L and 0.9 pCi/L. Please refer to your DHHS handbook for information on radon as the rules have been updated and the frequency for radon testing for your center may have been changed.
Clean Smart is used for sanitizing and Purell Surface is used for disinfecting. The center uses the three bottle procedure for sanitizing and disinfecting 1. Soap/water for cleaning 2. Water for rinsing and 3 Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.
Chanda reported that the building has electric appliances.

Playground:
The center has a wonderful fenced playground area. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:

Four staff files were read - one staff needed their physical on the DHHS staff physical form. Make sure all staff physicals are on the required DHHS staff physical form. Child files were read and their registration forms need to be updated at least annually. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information.
Chanda has staff meetings and meets with all staff on an ongoing basis.
Chanda is in the process of hiring a few new staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Chanda is very organized and has excellent skills as the director. She is very proud of the center and the staff, she does nice things throughout the year to show appreciation for her staff.
The center participates in the IQ4K program - level 3.
The center applies for grants.
Chanda received her CDA.
The center is in the process of switching from the Procare child care app to the Playground child care app.

The center is a wonderful resource for the community. The staff have excellent interactions with the children, they are positive, nurturing, and attentive to the needs of the children.

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

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
Child files were read and their registration forms need to be updated at least annually. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information. Make sure you have the name and phone number for the doctor and the dentist.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Shea's Learning Days Child Development Center for 1-1-2025 to 1-1-2027.

You will need a new approved fire inspection by 12-7-2024.

*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.