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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Little Rascals Daycare and Preschool

Provider No.: 19253

Address: 1125 Rockdale Rd, Dubuque, IA, 52003

County: Dubuque

Director's Name: Alexandria Rath

On-Site Supervisor: Tabitha Rolfe

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HHS Visit Date: 03/25/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/19/2024

Comments: Fire inspector approval for change in configuration of the center received on 6/4/25.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	32	16	36	18	102
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 3/25/26. The owner and director is Alexandria Rath. Alexandria meets center director qualifications with an associate's degree in early childhood education, working at this center for five years prior to owning and directing the center for the past 11 years, and nine years of experience operating as a home child care provider. Alex states she is working toward a bachelor's degree in early childhood education.. Alexandria was present on the day of the visit. The on site supervisor, Tabitha Rolfe, was present along with other staff on the day of the visit. Tabitha accompanied the licensing consultant for the majority of the visit. The center serves children age six weeks to 12 years and does offer before and after school and non-school day care for school-age children. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. The center director states the center uses portions of the Creative Curriculum along with theme based monthly and weekly activity planning and curriculum support from Teachers Pay Teachers platform. The center reports enrollment of 90 children at the time of the visit.

The center consists of program space on the main level and lower level of the building. The main level includes the nursery (age six weeks to 12 months) and toddler room (age 12 months through 23 months). There is also a "middle room" that is described as the school age area. There is a restroom (two toilets and two hand washing sinks) that is used by the school-age room. There is a second restroom area between the school-age area and the toddler room (two toilets, no sinks). The lower level includes the two year old room (two years), prek room (four/five years, middle room), and three year old room (three/four years). There are two additional shared restrooms that are adjacent to (between) the rooms on the lower level. All program space was observed.

This center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, and a later afternoon/evening snack all prepared on site by the designated kitchen staff in the center's kitchen. The center does not participate in the CACFP program. The kitchen

area continues to be highly organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center continues to be managed well by the on site supervisor and center director. The on site supervisor has a CDA certification and two year diploma for early childhood education. The center is in the process of IQ4K, level one. The staff appear to work well together. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities. The center is bright with lots of windows on both floors. The center has a good supply of books stored in the hallway area on the lower level, arranged by subject/topic to make them more accessible to staff for planning purposes. Daily notes are completed for all children except school age children at the center. The center holds parent/teacher conferences annually for all but the school age children. The center's licensing documentation, staff files, and child files continue to be highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

N/A

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A

5. 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.

1. Ensure disinfectant solution (Clorox bleach) is allowed at least six minutes of dwell time for surfaces as required by the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Ensure soapy water wash and rinse steps are completed as separate steps for surface cleaning and sanitizing. Ensure all surfaces used for food service activities are properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to this activity including window shelf areas.
3. Ensure cot space of at least two feet during rest time.
4. Tables and chairs appear too tall for the children in the twos room.

This center will continue with a full license. Please address the 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.

Date: 04/29/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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