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

Name of Center: Lionheart Early Learning **Enrollment:** 151 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52213

Street: 2717 Northgate Dr **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address:

Director's Name: Emily Brandenburg **Phone Number:** 319-337-8870

On-Site Supervisor(s): Alex Daniels **E-Mail:** sdenny@PremierEarlyChildhood.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-03-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-15-2023

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

Date Inspected: 04-18-2023

Comments : Does comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: X Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other 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	52	43	40	36	171
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-14-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 07-03-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On July 14, 2023 Vickie Brandenburg sold the center to Premier Early Childhood Education Partners. The director, on-site supervisor and staff will remain at the center. This worker visited the center on 4/13/23. Since visits are completed annually the report from the previous visit is listed below for Premier's review.

This worker arrived at Lionheart on 4/13/2023. The center provides childcare for infants-school aged children The center is open from 6:30am to 6:00pm. The center has children 126 enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 5/9/2022.

The director is Emily Brandenburg. Emily has her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Emily has worked at the center since in opened in 7/2015.

The onsite supervisor is Alex Daniels. She has her Associate's Degree. She is almost complete with her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education Endorsements in PreK and Early Childhood Education. Alex started in 2015.

This worker observed all classrooms. The center's curriculum is teacher created. Preschool uses World of Wonders.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit. The center did practice fire, tornado and emergency drills as required.

The center's outdoor area includes an infant area, one year old area, two year old area and preschool-school age area. The surfacing is impact rated turf and shade is provided by shade structures. They have climbing structures, slides, riding toys, pushing toys, bubbles, tunnels, teeter
totter, large waffle blocks, balls, etc.

The center offers field trips and uses their vans to provide transportation.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center utilizes ProCare and ProCare Connect for payroll, files, sign in/out and communication.
-The center has Quality Rating Scale Level 4.

-The center has National Accreditation Commission.
-Vickie and Shannon have their National Administration Credential.
-The center added new windows and doors throughout the center.
-The center's staff files, child files and licensing notebook were in full compliance.
-The center partners with T.E.A.C.H. to enable teachers the opportunity to pursue a Child Development Associate Credential, Associates, or Bachelor of Arts degree.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.