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

Name of Center: Lil Scholars Preschool **Enrollment:** 92 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27820

Street: 756 9th Street **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50309 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 756 9th Street, Des Moines, IA, 50309

Director's Name: Marci Johnston **Phone Number:** 515-285-2256

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kim Anderson, Kara Langner **E-Mail:** Lilscholars1@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-06-2020

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:** 08-19-2020

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

Date Inspected: 08-27-2019

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 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	40	26	89	26	181
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2020 to 08-01-2022
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-19-2020

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Lil Scholars Preschool and Childcare opened in August 2008. The center moved to it's present location in 2012. The center is located within a single standing building. The center has two secured entrances. The center offers child care services for children ages infancy through school age. Marci Johnston is the center's owner and director. Marci has a BA in Elementary Education with a minor in Learning Disabilities. She has a Master's degree in Special Education. Marci was a teacher prior to opening up the daycare. Kara Langner is an on site supervisor. Kim Anderson is an on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Kara was present today and she assisted with the visit. The majority of the classrooms were observed today. A significant amount of time was spent on discussing how the center is managing given the current corona virus pandemic. during this unprecedented and stressful time. The center is following guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona virus. Classes are being kept separate, hand washing is being done hourly, extra cleaning and sanitizing is being done, there are no soft toys or furnishings in the classrooms at this time, parents aren't entering classrooms, temperatures are being taken at time of check in.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Marci has been the owner/director of this center for several years. Marci received her NAC (National Administrator Credential) in May 2017. The center participates in QRS and has earned a four star rating. The center has classrooms that are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings and supplies.

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

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.
Some staff are overdue for First Aid/CPR training.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
A tornado drill wasn't completed in April.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-725-2635; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

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