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

Name of Center: Lil' Wildcat Education Center **Enrollment:** 35 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51865

Street: 616 N Idaho ST **City:** Glidden Iowa **Zip** 51443 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: PO Box 76, Glidden, IA, 51443

Director's Name: Jordan Lawson **Phone Number:** 712-497-1069

On-Site Supervisor(s): Anna Schultes **E-Mail:** lilwildcatchildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-05-2024

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

Date Inspected: 06-27-2022

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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 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	16	12	27	15	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 06-11-2024

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 made to Lil' Wildcat Education Center on 6-5-2024. The center is located in Glidden, IA and was given permission to open by DHHS on 8/1/22. The center provides child care to children six weeks in age through 12 years. Jordan Lawson became the director in March 2023, she has a BA degree as well as past experience working in child care. Jordan is pursuing her Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health. Anna Schultes became the on-site supervisor in 12/2022, she has an Early Childhood diploma and experience working in child care.
There are 35 children enrolled.
I met with Jordan Lawson during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
The program rooms looked great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment - 5 program rooms are currently being used. All program rooms were in ratio. The children were having fun playing during my visit, the school age children were at the pool at the time of my visit. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The daily sheets looked good. The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.
A staff stepped over a gate in the One year old room - please make sure no staff or family members step over gates as they could fall and hurt themselves or fall and injure a child.
The rooms had lesson plans/activities.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch and snack are prepared onsite, the center employs a cook. Menus were posted. Proper food storage was observed. The center is working on getting on the federal food program.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was completed in 2023 and some rooms came back with radon test scores over 4.0 pCi/L. Radon was retested in 6-2023 to 10-2023 and the test three test scores came back under 4.0 pCi/L. Jordan reported that a radon mitigation system was installed. Please refer to your licensing handbook for information on when testing is needed in the future.
An annual fuel burning inspection is required if your building has fuel burning appliances.
Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and disinfecting, although in one of the program rooms the bottle was a Clorox Disinfecting Spray - staff didn't know if this was actually Clorox Disinfecting Spray or if Purell Surface was poured in the bottle. Please go through the rooms and make sure you know what product is being used for sanitizing and disinfecting. The product in the bottles need to be clearly identified. The center follows the three step 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.
The center follows medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication - no children are on medication at this time. One food allergy was reported.

Playground:

The center has a very nice playground area. Monthly playground safety inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services. The school bus provides transportation to school age children. The center goes on walking field trips.

Administrative records:
Four staff files were read and were in good order. Child files were read and some files were missing emergency medical contact information for the dentist. The name of the dentist and the doctor and the phone numbers are required. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information.
Jordan is working on IQ4K level 1.
The center is overseen by a Board.
The center receives services from Trisha at the Family Resource Center, the nurse consultant Jennifer Chapman and the Child Care Resource and Referral worker is helping Jordan with IQ4K.
Jordan has staff meetings on a regular basis and she maintains daily contact with staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Jordan is very enthusiastic and proud of the center, she was very organized and helpful during my licensing visit.
The center utilizes CCR&R, the Family Resource Center, AEA, and their nurse consultant regularly.
Your center is an excellent resource for the community. The center looks great and staff had excellent interactions with the children.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
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109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2024 to 8-1-2026.

*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.