

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

Name of Center: Lil Scholars Too **Enrollment:** 165 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47066

Street: 1300 8th ST Suite #2 **City:** West Des Moines **Iowa Zip** 50265 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1300 8th ST Suite #2, West Des Moines, IA, 50265

Director's Name: Kellie Johnson **Phone Number:** 515-223-0008

On-Site Supervisor(s): Joelly Scheef **E-Mail:** lilscholarstoo@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit:

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** X **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: 07-30-2018

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** NA

Accreditation: **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:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	48	26	98	58	230
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 03-01-2018 to 03-01-2020
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCAION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

Date: 09-23-2019

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Lil Scholars Too opened in May 2016. This is a single standing building. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. Marci Johnston is the owner. Marci also owns Lil Scholars, which is located in downtown Des Moines. Marci has a BA in Elementary Education. She has a Master's degree in Special Education. Marci was a teacher for eleven years prior to opening up Lil Scholars. Kellie Johnson is the director. Kellie was a director in other child care centers prior to coming to Lil Scholars Too. Joelly Scheef is the assistant director. Joelly started in this role in March 2018.

Kellie and Joelly were both present today and assisted with the visit. All classrooms were observed today. Ratio met or exceeded licensing standards in all classrooms.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kim has owned and directed daycare centers for several years. Kellie has previous experience being a director prior to coming to this center. This center participates in QRS and has earned a four star rating. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate supplies and toys.

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

109.6(2): Director or on-site supervisor on-site during the hours of operation or a minimum of eight hours of center's hours of operation. Information on on-site supervisor's qualifications is submitted to the consultant prior to employment and is sufficient to make a determination. On-site supervisor meets qualifications or is "qualifiable" with a plan established to meet qualifications.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area. One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes. Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

An additional space has been added, increasing capacity by 58.

*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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