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

Name of Center: Little Royals Daycare **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52397

Street: 400 E Fenton ST **City:** Marcus Iowa **Zip** 51035 **County:** Cherokee

Mailing Address: PO Box 403, Marcus, IA, 51035

Director's Name: Morgan Ten Naple **Phone Number:** 712-376-1045

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amber Burns **E-Mail:** littleroyalsdaycare1@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-08-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-14-2023

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

Date Inspected: 12-04-2023

Comments :

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	30	20	43	25	118
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-08-2024 to 05-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 04-11-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced visit was made to Little Royals Childcare Center on 04-08-24 where I met with center director Morgan Ten Naple.
Little Royals Childcare Center is a brand new center that is in the Marcus Elementary School and opened on 01-08-24. Ms.Ten Naple
has her Associates Degree in Early Childhood and has seven years of experence working with children. The facility has 6 classrooms and a atrium area for preschool/school agers. The center provides programming for ages 6 weeks to school age. Hours of the program are Monday thru Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm. Capacity is 118.

There are currently 30 children enrolled in the center. At the time of the visit there were 23 children present. The daycare has 3 infant rooms(6 months 8 months, 8 months to 1 year old, 1-2year old), 1 - 2yr old room, 1- 3yr old room, 4/5yr room, and a school age
room(atrium). They had one of the infant rooms that was still empty. The program uses theme based Curriculum.

The program is currently only using two of the three infant rooms due to lower numbers. As enrollment increases they will open the other infant room. All of the cribs have solid barrier ends to help reduce disease transmission, and some of the cribs have stronger frames and larger wheels to serve as evacuation cribs. The center uses the Bright Wheel App. to where infant daily sheets are maintained and documented. Good interactions were observed with all staff being down on the floor interacting with the children or otherwise attending to their needs. A good variety of toys and materials were present and observed to be in good repair.

The two and three year old rooms also have sufficient toys and equipment and age appropriate. The four to five year old classroom was observed to be clean with a good design layout. Some children attend preschool program at the elementary school.

The school age program also was observed to be clean with a good design layout. At the time of the visit the school agers were at school so the room was empty.

NUTRITION:
The program gets their breakfast and lunches from the Marcus Community School who brings the food to the center from the kitchen. The program provides snacks onsite. The school kitchen is equipped to meet the requirements necessary for a childcare center. Meals are portioned out for service while on carts in the classrooms. Food items are stored in a main storage area, as well as limited supplies in classrooms. In addition to the main refrigerators in the storage area each of the classrooms also have a small refrigerator present. Food storage practices were good. Meals are served in the classrooms with the teachers sitting with the children to provide supervision and model good eating habits. The center does follow the CACFP guidelines but is not currently on the food program. The program does plan on applying for the food program. A menu is posted that indicates a good variety of nutritious meal options.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

The center does have established policies and procedures regarding the authorization, administration, documentation, and storage of medications. The center uses both formal medication administration forms for prescription and non-prescription medications. Medications are stored in lock boxes in areas that are not readily accessible to the children or the public, however, at this time no child is in need of any medication. First aid kits were present in each classroom and generally stocked with supplies sufficient to address common first aid needs. Kits are stored in areas where they are readily available but not accessible to the children. Good sanitation policies and procedures have been established for the center with staff directed to provide supervision in bathrooms and assisting the children as needed. Policies and schedules are in place for regular cleaning of equipment and play materials. Reminder that cleaning products should be out of reach of children. Inspection certificates for the fire marshal, and a carbon monoxide detector were current and present in the center. Radon testing was completed and within normal range. Furnace, emergency drills, and playground inspections were also completed.

PLAYGROUND:
The playground area is adjacent to the building. The playground has not been completed and will be done this spring. The surfacing will be a poured rubber. The program has a new climbing equipment and will share the playground with the school's preschool program. Program will contact consultant when playground has been completed.

TRANSPORTATION:
The center does not transport children. The program may look at doing field trips in the summer in the future, however, at this time with moving into the new building they will not do any fieldtrips. Parents will provide a general release at the time for any field trips.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS:
The center staff and parent handbooks have been reviewed and found to contain all required policies. Emergency preparedness policies are completed.

Goals of the program are to get on the IQ4K and food program, complete the playground, and get curriculm to assist teachers.

Ms. Ten Naple feels the strengths of the program are that staff are commitment to quality childcare and that staff interact well
with the children and have developed a good relationship with the children and families that they serve. Also, director has completed the NAC training for directors as well as mentors with other directors.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Toys are at children's level and accessible.

Center displays children's art work in the rooms.

Good room arrangement throughout the center.

Center uses the Brightwheel Childcare App to communicate with families and what is going on in the program.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
Some staff were missing necessary trainings not completed within 90 days of hire.

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.
Number not in compliance for dental: 1

Information lacking: Information was missing.

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.
Cleaning products out of reach of children.

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.
Additional concerns: Center should have a seperate lined and covered diapering container next to the diapering station to properly dispose of the diapers.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is the director to continue to work with CCRR for support.

Director needs to email consultant by 05-10-24 confirming that all aspects below standards have been corrected.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.