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

**Name of Center:** Lil Tattle Tales Childcare & Learning Center **Enrollment:** 8 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52145

**Street:** 3303 Harry Langdon BLVD **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51503 **County:** Pottawattamie

**Mailing Address:** 3303 Harry Langdon BLVD, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

**Director's Name:** Janelle Kannedy **Phone Number:** 712-366-7034

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** liltattletalescb@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 07-17-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 03-24-2023

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

**Date Inspected:** 10-18-2022

**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:** 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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | 8 | 8 | 6 | 22 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

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

**Licensing Consultant:** Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 07-26-2023

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Lil Tattle Tales Childcare & Learning Center is a new center that opened on July 5, 2023. Janelle Kannedy is the director. Esther Schroeder, Janelle's mother works at the center, Janelle's grandmother also volunteers/works at the center. Esther and Janelle have several years of experience operating a registered home child care.
The center has been totally remodeled. The capacity is 22 children. The enrollment was eight children at the time of my visit.

Observation of room:
The center looks great, it is one large room. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Seven children were present today with Janelle Kannedy. The children were observed during rest time. You need a daily schedule posted and lesson plans/activities. Janelle was attentive the needs of the children.

Nutrition:
The kitchen looks very nice and has all new appliances. There is a gate to prevent children from entering the kitchen. Meals are prepared onsite. Make sure the staff who is cooking is not considered in ratio. Menus were posted. Even if you aren't on the federal food program you still need to follow the CACFP food guidelines.

Health and safety:
Make sure you practice and document monthly fire and tornado drills. Radon testing is required within the first year of licensing and the test results must be under a 4.0 pCi/L. A radon test kit can be purchased at the Pottawattamie County Health Department for approximately $15.00 to $20.00. Radon testing is required every two years. If your building has fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection.
Please follow medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication. The medication management class is recommended. Bleach/water is used for sanitizing. Please follow the directions on your specific bottle of bleach for mixing instructions, if the instructions aren't on the bottle go to the website on the bottle for instructions. Please use the three bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water must be mixed daily.

Playground:
The center has a playground with a piece of equipment and swings. Please refer to the Public Playground Safety Handbook for specific information regarding surfacing, fall zones etc. A chain link fence will be installed. Please complete the monthly playground safety checklist.

Transportation:
Daily transportation services aren't provided.

Administrations:
Janelle Kannedy and Esther Schroeder are employees of the center and Janelle's grandmother is a volunteer - she is at the center for a period of time in the morning and afternoon. Please refer to your Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing

Standards and Procedures for information needed in staff and volunteer files.
Staff files were read, staff physicals must be on the required DHHS staff physical form. The DHHS staff physical form was emailed to Janelle on 8-11-2023.
Child files were read - one file needed a current annual physical. For school age children you can use the annual statement of health signed by the parent.
The staff and child file form was emailed to Janelle on 8-11-2023.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Janelle and Esther have spent several months getting the child care center ready to open. They have worked very hard getting all the licensing information, and handbooks ready.
They are very proud and excited about their new center. Janelle was very helpful during my licensing visit.
Esther and Janelle have many years of experience providing child care as they had a registered home child care.
They have been learning the licensing policies and regulations.
The center looks wonderful and will be a great resource for the community.

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

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Staff physicals must be on the required DHHS staff physical form.

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.
Bleach/water is used for sanitizing. Please follow the directions on your specific bottle of bleach for mixing instructions, if the instructions aren't on the bottle go to the website on the bottle for instructions. Please use the three bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water must be mixed daily.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
You need a daily schedule posted and lesson plans/activities.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for 7-1-2023 to 7-1-2025.

A referral to Child Care Resource and Referral will be made for assistance with lesson plans/activities, sanitizing/disinfecting etc.

*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.