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

Name of Center: Little Clippers Child Development Center **Enrollment:** 102 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28603

Street: 415 Deer View AVE **City:** Tiffin Iowa **Zip** 52340 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 415 Deer View AVE, Tiffin, IA, 52340

Director's Name: Amanda Rairden and Jenni Wombacher **Phone Number:** 319-545-4033

On-Site Supervisor(s): Bailey Ackman **E-Mail:** littleclippers@southslope.net

Date(s) of Visit: 12-27-2023

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:** 12-03-2021

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

Date Inspected: 12-03-2020

Comments : Does Comply.

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	44	28	50	60	182
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-27-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Little Clippers on 12/27/2023. The center provides care for infants-school aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:00am-5:30pm. The center has 102 children enrolled. The center is inside of two commercial buildings. The first commercial building is for infants-preschool aged children. There are nine classrooms, an office, a breakroom and a kitchen. The second commercial building is for school aged children. They have one large classroom and a kitchenette.
The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 12/3/2020.

The directors are Amanda Rairden and Jenni Wombacher. Amanda has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. She started the center in 2009. Jennie has an Associate's in Liberal Arts. Jennie started in 4/2010.

The onsite supervisors are Bailey Ackman. Bailey started in 2015. She has an Associate's Degree in Human Services.

This worker observed all programming spaces and reviewed the curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times.

The center completed radon testing as required. The center completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector installed as required.

The center's outdoor play area was inspected.

The center does offer field during the summer for school aged children.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center participates in the Iowa Quality for Kids rating system.
-The directors have been with the center since 2009 and 2010. The on-site supervisor has been with the center since 2015.
-Staff in the classrooms were seen actively cleaning while children were napping.
-Classrooms are clean, nicely decorated and welcoming to those who enter.
-Infant room staff did a great job of being at the children's level.
-The center has staff on TEACH and WAGES.
-The center uses Procare Engage. This allows for daily sheets, instant messaging between staff/lead teachers, assessments,

payments, pictures, check in and check out.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Choking hazards must be inaccessible to children under the age of three years. This includes craft items, decor and food. https://www.cacfp.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2039/2021/01/USDA-FNS-Reducing-the-Risk-of-Choking-EN-SP-cacfp.org_.pdf#:~:text=To%20help%20prevent%20choking%2C%20do%20not%20serve%20small,blocks.%20Grate%20or%20thinly%20slice%20cheese%20before%20serving.
-In the kitchen cleaning supplies and knives were accessible. In the laundry room cleaning supplies were accessible.
-Garage and closet in preschool room need to be locked.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.