Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Lil' Vikes Child Care Center

Provider No.: 52205

Address: 117 N Elm ST, Avoca, IA, 51521

County: Pottawattamie

Director's Name: Jamie Hastie and Emily Eyler

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 05/27/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2025 to 06/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/11/2025

Comments: plan of correction on 11/24/25

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 5.00 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		10	10	8	28
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Lil' Vikes Child Care Center in Avoca, Iowa, on 5/27/26. The center opened in June 2023. Jamie Hastie and Emily Eyler are co-directors. Jamie and Emily previously worked in a child care center. Capacity for the center is 28 children and their current enrollment is 15. I met with Emily and Jamie during my licensing visit.

Observation of Room:
Jamie and Emily take pride in their center. They take children from two years old through 12 years old. The children must be starting potty training in order to attend the center. Twelve children were present during my visit. The center was in ratio. The center looks great. It is one large room with a half wall separating one area. The children were resting when I was present. There are a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Emily and Jamie were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The center takes walking field trips to the park, post office, library, etc. Jamie and Emily prepare lesson plans/activities. The lesson plans/activities were posted. The center obtained a grant in 2024 to purchase curriculum. They are using Lillio Learning by Funshine Express. The center does drop-in care for all ages. The center uses the Playground App.

Nutrition:
The children provide their own lunch. Lunches are kept in the refrigerator. The center provides breakfast and snack. Menus are posted. Proper food storage was observed. The center is not on the federal food program but follows the CACFP. The school food program provides breakfast and lunch for children and families. The families have to pick up the food for their child and then they can take it to the center for lunch if they choose; otherwise, the family provides the lunch.

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Health and safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was completed in June 2025 and was in the acceptable range. Radon testing is required every five years if the test results are under 4.0 pCi/L. Medication management procedures are followed. Both Jamie and Emily are medication administration certified. Bedding is washed weekly. Bleach water is used for sanitizing/disinfecting. Please follow the directions on your specific bottle of bleach for mixing instructions for sanitizing and disinfecting. If the mixing instructions aren't on the bottle of bleach, 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. Emily and Jamie are interested in a different product for sanitizing and disinfecting. I recommended they talk to their nurse consultant. Emily reported that the building has all electrical appliances, therefore your center doesn't require an annual fuel burning inspection. The center has a first aid kit and another kit that travels with them if they leave the building.

Playground:
The center has a fenced outdoor playground area located at the back of the center up the stairs. The staff takes out toys for the children to play with on the playground. The playground has a cement slab that allows the children to play on riding toys. The monthly safety playground inspections were completed.

Transportation:
No transportation services are provided by the center.

Administration:
Two staff files were read and were in excellent order. Three children's files were read and were in excellent order. The center uses the Playground App. The center had all the necessary postings.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Jamie and Emily have done a great job learning the DHHS child care licensing rules and operating their center. They have worked very hard and continue to build enrollment. They are very proud and enthusiastic about their center. Emily and Jamie were very helpful during my licensing visit. The center looks great and is a wonderful resource for the community. The center is IQ4K Level 1. Jamie and Emily identified their strengths as they stay small, which allows the children to get more one on one attention and they have good relationships with the parents.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 6/1/25 to 6/1/27.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Jamie and Emily their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Jamie and Emily stated they know what each other can handle, they work well together, and they are able to switch positions, if needed.

I have consulted with a supervisor and we are authorizing the use of 109.8(2)(d) which will allow this program to have a variance with the combination of age groupings. Given that the center has one room, capacity will be limited to allow 2–4-year-olds to be grouped together.

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Date: 05/28/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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