

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

Name of Center: Missouri Valley Extended Care **Enrollment:** 70 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50275

Street: 602 N 9th Street **City:** Missouri Valley Iowa **Zip:** 51555 **County:** Harrison

Mailing Address: 602 N 9th Street, Missouri Valley, IA, 51555

Director's Name: Melissa Neil **Phone Number:** 712-642-2706

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lisa Pitt **E-Mail:** mneil@movalleycsd.org

Date(s) of Visit: 08-21-2020

X **Licensing Visit** X **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	X	State	Local	NA	Is Fire Inspection Approved?	X	Yes	No	NA
Date Inspected:	08-18-2020								

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE:	X	Child Care	Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)						
Financial Type:		Profit	X	Non-Profit	NA				
Accreditation:		Accredited	NAEYC		NSACA		Other	X	NA
Program Serves:		Infants (0-23 mo.)	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>
Sunday			
Monday	6:45 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:45 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:45 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:45 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:45 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			30	50	80
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-01-2020 to 08-01-2022
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 08-21-2020

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit to Missouri Valley Extended Care on 8-21-2020. Missouri Valley Extended care and Little Reds moved to their new location in the elementary school on 8-18-2020. Little Reds wrap around program will be included in this license. Services provided are - three year old preschool (no preschool on Wednesdays), wrap around services, before and after school programming and full day child care on in service days, holiday breaks and during the summer.

Melissa Neil is the director. Melissa has an Associates Degree in Education, she is working on her associates degree in early childhood education and plans to get her bachelors degree in education. Lisa Pitt is the on-site supervisor. There are seventy children enrolled in the program.

The center is following the Covid 19 daily procedures as directed by the school and the Child Care Resource and Referral constant contact emails i.e. temperature taking, more cleaning and sanitizing etc.

Observation of room:

There are two program rooms. Melissa emailed me the floor plans and the approved fire marshal inspection on 8-18-2020. The wrap around room is called little reds corner, the activity center will be used for the school age before and after school program. Construction of the activity center will be completed in September 2020. The program can also use the old gym and playground. Melissa will be teaching three year old preschool on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings in the little reds corner room. The school provides the voluntary preschool to the four year olds (that program isn't licensed) wrap around services are provided to the four year olds when they aren't in their preschool program. There were eleven children and two staff present in the little reds corner room during my licensing visit on 8-21-20. The children were eating a snack. There are tables set up outside throughout the school campus for outdoor activities and eating meals - the children will be doing many activities outside. The before and after school program will meet in the little reds corner room, old gym and outside until their room is completed. The room looked great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Little reds corner has one restroom with one toilet and one sink and one sink in the room. There are other toilets and sinks located near the little reds corner room. There are restrooms located in the activity center area. The staff had excellent interactions with the children. Some curriculum programs that will be offered are PBS Kids - Dream Box, and Movie Max math programs. Please post your schedule and lesson plans/activities.

Make sure your floor plans have the usable floor space, please take out storage areas, office space, hall ways, kitchens. Please indicate on the floor plan how many toilets and sinks are in/near the program rooms.

Nutrition:

The program provides a daily snack. During the wrap around program the children can choose to purchase lunch from the school or bring their lunch. Children bring their lunch for the full day school age program. The center follows the CACFP food guidelines. Make sure you post the menus.

Health and safety:

Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The center will follow medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication.

Radon testing is required within the first year of licensing in the new location. Please have radon testing done in each program room.

Please review your emergency procedures and make sure you have all of the required DHS procedures. I couldn't locate a couple of them including earthquake.

If your building has fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection.

Melissa has been working with the child care nurse consultant, Wendy Love on acceptable sanitizing products. The center is using Purell Surface and are looking into using a product called Betco that the school provides.

Playground:

The center uses the school playground area. Monthly playground safety inspections were completed.

Transportation:

No daily transportation services are provided.

Administrative records:

Melissa Neil continues to do a great job learning the DHS requirements.

Melissa states she has daily contact with the staff, she will have staff meetings.

Four children's files were read and were in good order. Parents are currently returning their registration packets.

Two staff files were read and were in good order. Melissa is working on ECCERS training. Please have your record checks located at the program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Melissa is organized, enthusiastic and very proud of the centers. All of the staff are very excited about the new program rooms.

Your program is a wonderful resource for the school and community.

The staff had excellent interactions with the children.

New in 2019/2020

New construction of new rooms located in the elementary school.

The center is doing an excellent job following the Covid 19 procedures.

Melissa has hired some new staff.

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

109.10(15)a: The center shall have written emergency plans and diagrams for responding to fire, tornado, flood, and plans responding to intruders within the center, intoxicated parents, and lost or abducted children. Shall have guidelines for responding or evacuating in case of blizzards, power failures, bomb threats, chemical spills, earthquakes, or other disasters that could create structural damage to the center or pose health hazards. If center is within 10 miles of nuclear power plant, center shall have evacuation plan. Emergency plans shall include written procedures including plans for- Evacuation to safely leave the facility- Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation- Shelter in place to take immediate shelter when the current location is unsafe to leave due to the emergency issue- Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation- Communication and reunification with parents or other adults Responsible for the children which includes emergency telephone numbers- Continuity of operations- To address the individual children, including those with functional or access needs.

Please review your emergency procedures and make sure you have all of the required DHS procedures. I couldn't locate a couple of them including earthquake.

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.

Please post your schedule and lesson plans/activities.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2020 to 8-1-2022.

Administrative change - Effective 8-18-2020 Missouri Valley Extended Care moved to their new location, 602 N. 9th, Missouri Valley Iowa 51555, they are located in the elementary school. The fire marshal gave approval on 8-18-2020. Little Reds wrap around program (preschool age children) is now be under the Missouri Valley Extended Care license. Melissa sent me the floor plans for the little reds corner wrap around room and the activity learning center - school age/before and after school program. Make sure your floor plans have the usable floor space, please take out storage areas, office space, hall ways, kitchens. Please indicate on the floor plan how many toilets and sinks are in the program rooms. The program has a capacity of 80.

*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.