

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

**Name of Center:** Lil Scholars Too **Enrollment:** 155 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 47066

**Street:** 1300 8th St Suite #2 **City:** West Des Moines **Iowa Zip:** 50265 **County:** Polk

**Mailing Address:** 1300 8th St Suite #2, West Des Moines, IA, 50265

**Director's Name:** Kellie Johnson **Phone Number:** 515-223-0008

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Dani Howard **E-Mail:** lilscholarstoo@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 02-06-2018

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:** 02-10-2018

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

**Date Inspected:** 02-03-2017

**Comments :** date of compliance - 3/29/17

**LICENSE TYPE:** X **Child Care**      **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

**Financial Type:** X **Profit**      **Non-Profit**      NA

**Accreditation:** **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**

| <b>HOURS:</b>           | <u>Year-round</u> | <u>School-Year</u> | <u>Summer Only</u> |                   |                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>LICENSE CAPACITY</b> | <b>Infants</b>    | <b>2 Years</b>     | <b>Preschool</b>   | <b>School-Age</b> | <b>Capacity</b> |
| General                 | 48                | 26                 | 98                 |                   | 172             |
| Summer                  |                   |                    |                    |                   | 0               |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| <b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b> |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| X                                  | <b>FULL</b> license from 03-01-2018 to 03-01-2020 |
|                                    | <b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from                   |
|                                    | <b>DENIAL</b> of initial application              |
|                                    | <b>SUSPENSION</b> of license                      |
|                                    | <b>REVOCAION</b> of license                       |

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

**Date:** 02-10-2018

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

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

Lil Scholars Too opened in May 2016. This is a single standing building. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. Marci Johnston is the owner. Marci also owns Lil Scholars, which is located in downtown Des Moines. Marci has a BA in Elementary Education. She has a Master's degree in Special Education. Marci was a teacher for eleven years prior to opening up Lil Scholars. Kellie Johnson is the director. Kellie was a director in other child care centers prior to coming to Lil Scholars Too. Dani Howard is the on site supervisor. Dani has been with Lil Scholars since July 2016. She started as on site supervisor in January 2018.

Kellie was present today and she assisted with the visit. All classrooms were observed today.

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

Kim has owned and directed daycare centers for several years. Kellie has previous experience being a director prior to coming to this center. This center has classrooms that are well furnished with age appropriate supplies and furnishings. This center participates in QRS and has earned a three star rating.

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

109.6(2): Director or on-site supervisor on-site during the hours of operation or a minimum of eight hours of center's hours of operation.

Information on on-site supervisor's qualifications is submitted to the consultant prior to employment and is sufficient to make a determination.

On-site supervisor meets qualifications or is "qualifiable" with a plan established to meet qualifications.

Dani Howard's information was not submitted to DHS prior to her starting in the role of on site supervisor. Her information was reviewed and she does qualify for this position.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.

Children's files don't indicate annual updates are occurring. The files or enrollment forms are going to be modified to indicate parents are reviewing their children's information and updates are being completed.

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.

The center uses bleach water solution which has a dwell time of five minutes for disinfecting changing tables. This isn't being done consistently. There was questions as to how long the dwell time was for bleach water solution amongst staff. The center has decided to use another disinfectant product for changing tables that has a shorter dwell time.

## **V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

\*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-725-2635; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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