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

Name of Center: Lil' Vikes Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 17 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52205

Street: 117 N Elm ST **City:** Avoca Iowa **Zip** 51521 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: PO Box 243, Avoca, IA, 51521

Director's Name: Jamie Hastie and Emily Eyler **Phone Number:** 712-307-6060

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

Date(s) of Visit: 02-08-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 05-30-2023

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*

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

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 02-14-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off year visit was made to Lil' Vikes Child Care Center in Avoca Iowa. (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 the current enrollment is 17.
I met with Jamie and Emily during my licensing visit on 2-8-2024.

Observation of Room:
The center looks great, it is one large room with a half wall separating one area. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There were seven children with Jamie and Emily during my visit. All but one of the children were taking a nap.
Jamie and Emily 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 center is getting a grant for a curriculum for all ages of children, they will be using The Ultimate Early Learning Curriculum.

Nutrition:
The children provide their own lunch - lunches are kept in the refrigerator. The center provides breakfast and snacks. Menus are posted. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was completed in June 2023 with a test score of 2.1 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every two years and the test results must be under a 4.0 pCi/L.
Please follow medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication. The medication management class is recommended. 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.

Jamie/Emily reported that the building has all electric appliances, therefore your center doesn't require an annual fuel burning inspection.

Playground:
The center has a fenced outdoor playground area located in the back of the center up the stairs. The staff takes out toys for the children to play with on the playground. The monthly safety playground inspection was completed.

Transportation:
No transportation services are provided by the center.

Administration:
Two staff files were read and were in good order. A third staff was recently hired.
Child files were read - and were in good order. Following my licensing visit Jamie and Emily printed the emergency medical contact information for the doctor and dentist.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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. They were both very helpful during my licensing visit.
The center looks great and is a wonderful resource for the community.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 6-1-2023 to 6-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 2-8-2024.

*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.