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

Name of Center: Little Treasures **Enrollment:** 96 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50648

Street: 2035 Radford Rd **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52002 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 2035 Radford Rd, Dubuque, IA, 52002

Director's Name: Alexandria Rath **Phone Number:** 563-556-3800

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tammy Sprecher **E-Mail:** littletreasuresdubuque@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-21-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-30-2022

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: 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	26	13	72		111
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 06-30-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 6/21/23. Alexandria Rath is the owner of the center and is the qualified center director. This is one of two centers that Alexandria owns and operates. Alexandria is the center director for both sites. Alexandria was not present on the day of the visit. The approved on site supervisor for this center is Tammy Sprecher. Tammy accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the visit. The center provides care for children age six weeks to 12 years. The program does offer before and after school care and non school day care for school-age children. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Program.

The center consists of defined program space on the main and lower levels of the building. The main level includes the nursery room (age six weeks to approximately 12 months), toddler room (approximately 12 months through 23 months), twos room (two to three years), and a "middle room" that is described as the school-age area (also used to combine children age two and up at the very beginning of the day). The lower level includes the threes room (three/four year old children), "pre p" room (older threes and four year old children), and prek room (four and five year old children). Diapering stations are included in the nursery, toddler, and twos rooms. The restrooms are all adjacent to the program rooms that share them on both floors. All program rooms include sink(s) for hand washing activities. Some rooms include a sink that is used for food/beverage preparation activities. Program areas generally included an adequate supply of books, art/craft supplies, and toys for free play.

This center serves breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and a later afternoon snack all prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. The center does not participate in the CACFP program. The kitchen area is organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center continues to be managed well by the center director and on site supervisor. The center director has a NAC certification. The center has a three star QRS rating through 2/28/24. The center is bright with windows on both levels of the building. The center participates in the local AEA program where materials can be borrowed to supplement program activities. The center has plenty of books that are arranged by topic. Children's crafts and projects are posted throughout the center. Information about daily activities at the center are provided to parents of all children through the center's online application. Staff appear to work well together and were observed to be engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. Licensing documentation and staff and child files were again found to be highly organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed national record check was due 2/2023.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed physical was not completed pre-employment.

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medications present without current medication authorization.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure restroom areas are not used for storing items unless they are not used for restroom activities.
2. Repair cabinet doors in the nursery to ensure they close properly and do not present pinch hazard.
3. Ensure posted activity plans are always current.
4. Ensure clean bedding and other linens as well as food service items are stored in a sanitary location and separate from other miscellaneous items.
5. Ensure spray bottles with sanitizing/disinfecting solutions are appropriately labeled and located in each room.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited as well as the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.