

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

Name of Center: West Liberty Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 72 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 48100

Street: 806 N Miller ST **City:** West Liberty **Iowa** **Zip** 52776 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: 806 N Miller ST, West Liberty, IA, 52776

Director's Name: Kirk Ryan and Dawn Kruse **Phone Number:** 319-627-5089

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sonia Cuba de Plum and Cindy Becker **E-Mail:** kryan@wl.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 04-24-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-28-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-18-2023

Comments : Does Comply.

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 School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS: Year-round School-Year Summer Only

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			100		100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-28-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 04-28-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at West Liberty Early Learning Center annual visit on 4/24/24. They provide preschool services. They currently have 72 children enrolled. The center is open during the school year from 7:30am to 3:05pm. The center's fire inspection was completed on 8/18/23.

The directors are Kirk Ryan and Dawn Kruse. Kirk has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. He started at the center in 7/2022. Dawn has a Master's Degree in Education. She started at the center in 7/2022.

The on-site supervisors are Sonia Cuba de Plum and Cindy Becker. Sonia has an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. She started in 7/2022. Cindy has worked in child care since 2006.

The center uses four classrooms, a cafeteria, offices, storage areas and foyer.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

The center's curriculum is Creative Curriculum Gold and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit. The center practiced emergency drills as required.

This worker reviewed the center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

- Staff files and child files were in full compliance.
- The center participates with Vision to Learn so that children have access to eye exams and glasses if needed. The kids get two eye glasses if needed.
- The center is building a new location with an inclusive playground.

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

- 109.9(1)b: All files contain: Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
- One employee needed a record check evaluation completed. Please review the following:
<https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/62%20Record%20Check%20Guide.pdf>

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

-This worker observed several mini refrigerators stacked on top of other furniture and tall shelving. The center is encouraged to ensure that these are appropriately anchored to prevent tipping. Please review the following:

<https://www.anchorit.gov/>

-The janitor closet was unlocked and cleaning supplies was accessible in the kitchen. Cleaning supplies must be stored inaccessible to children. Please review the following: <https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/382.pdf> and

<https://www.iowapoisson.org/order-material/bulk-order-material>

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: <https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program>

Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Early Childhood Iowa: <https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/>

First Children's Finance: <https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/>

Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

Iowa AEYC: <http://www.iowaaeyc.org/>

Iowa After School Alliance: <https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/>

Iowa State University: <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood>

4c's of Johnson County: <https://www.iowa4cs.com/>

*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.