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

Name of Center: Little Lion Learning Center **Enrollment:** 53 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 23530

Street: 206 Maple St **City:** Olin Iowa **Zip** 52320 **County:** Jones

Mailing Address: PO Box 105, Olin, IA, 52320

Director's Name: Trenda Secrist **Phone Number:** 319-484-4466

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kathy Barber **E-Mail:** olindaycare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-11-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-19-2022

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

Date Inspected: 12-09-2020

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

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	24	15	20	30	89
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

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

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 04-17-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Administrative Change:
The center increased their capacity from 70 children to 89 children to meet the needs of more children/families.

This worker arrived at Little Lion Learning Center on 4/11/2023. The center provides childcare for infants-school aged children The center is open from 6:30am to 5:30pm. The center has children 53 enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building and one room in the school building. The center is non-profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 12/9/2020.

The director is Trenda Secrist. Trenda has her Child Development Associates. She started in 8/2019.

The onsite supervisor is Kathy Barber. She started in 2004.

This worker observed all classrooms. The center's curriculum is Applebaum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provide breakfast, morning snack (Purple Room), lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit. The center did practice fire, tornado and emergency drills as required.

The center's outdoor area included: bikes, climbing structure, cottage, gazebo, chalk, bubbles, balls, and a market center.

The center offers field trips to preschool/school age children. Examples include: museums, Air Effects, Fun Station, splash pads, and library. Infants/Toddler's go on walking field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-Trenda has done a wonderful job of learning all HHS Rules and Regulations.
-Trenda has formed working relationships with Child Care Resource and Referral and the Nurse Consultant for supportive services.
-The center purchased Bright Wheel to encourage open parent communication. They use it for daily notes, incident reports, medication forms, sign in/out, etc.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.

-The center installed cameras in each classroom and outside.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-In the Purple Room there was a padded toilet seat on the floor. These are not sanitary. The padded plastic can tear making this product difficult to disinfect.
-In the Purple Room several door latches were broken leaving cleaning supplies and choking hazards accessible.
-In the Blue Room a latch was broken leaving a staff purse accessible.
https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
-Radon testing needs to be completed.

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.
-Current curriculum was not posted in all classrooms.

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://idph.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.