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

Name of Center: Little Angels Learning Center **Enrollment:** 53 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24246

Street: 214 E Jefferson St **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 214 E Jefferson St, Iowa City, IA, 52245

Director's Name: Cathy Stange **Phone Number:** 319-341-9757

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jamilee Xiong **E-Mail:** cstange@icfirstchurch.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-29-2024

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:** 03-15-2024

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

Date Inspected: 03-06-2024

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 School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	22	12	38	0	72
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2024 to 05-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 05-13-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Little Angels Learning Center for an annual visit on 4/29/24. The center provides childcare for infants to preschool aged children. The center is open from 7:30am to 5:30pm. They currently have 53 children enrolled. The center is located inside of First United Methodist Church. The center is nonprofit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 3/6/2024.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit. The center has 6 classrooms: infant room, one year old room, two-year-old room and three preschool aged rooms.

The director is Cathy Stange. Cathy has her bachelor's in human development and Family Studies from Texas Tech University. She started in 2005.

The on-site supervisor is Jamilee Xiong. Jamilee has a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Harding University in Arkansas. She started in 2007.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center is on CACFP. The center provides breakfast, lunch, and snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.
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. The center had completed radon testing as required. The center had completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector.

The center's curriculum is a blend of Creative Curriculum, Alpha Friends, Handwriting without Tears and Second Step. The center does offer walking field trips: library, museums, parks, and Dairy Queen.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings. The center communicates with parents by via: My Kids Day App.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has a Natural Playscape. The area includes: a sand play area, a water play area, a gathering space, a climbing wall, a messy materials area, a dramatic play with storage area, an art area, a worm bin and a pathway through a sensory-rich butterfly garden. The center also has a secondary outdoor area where children have water play, bubbles, sidewalk.
-The director has been with the center for 18 years and the onsite supervisor has been with the center for 17 years.
-The center participates in Iowa Quality for Kids.
-The center is on the CACFP.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center works with UI Reach Program for internships.
-The center works with UI family services for child care during finals.

-The center works with UI departments including Therapeutic Recreational and Musical Therapy.
-The local librarian comes to visit once a month.
-Staff files, child files and the licensing notebook were in full compliance.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

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.