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

Name of Center: Little Raptor Daycare **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50355

Street: 519 E Maple ST **City:** Holstein Iowa **Zip** 51025 **County:** Ida

Mailing Address: PO Box 320 , Holstein, IA, 51025

Director's Name: Nicki Jacobson **Phone Number:** 712-368-4353

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** njacobson@rvraptors.org

Date(s) of Visit:

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-09-2022

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

Date Inspected: 07-25-2024

Comments : Capacity should be 50 not 47 as it is not correct.

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	21	29			50
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 01-17-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 07-23-24 and spoke with Director Nicki Jacobson. Ms. Jacobson became the director in July 2021. Ms. Jacobson has over 11 years experience working with children in a childcare center.

Little Raptors is housed in the Holstein Elementary School and Center is within the Galva-Holstein Community School. The school built an addition to where they built a childcare wing and completed 08-19-21. The center operates Monday through Friday 5:45am to 6pm and serves children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. This childcare wing consists of 3 rooms; an infant to two year old room; two-three year old room; and PK to 5th grade. The program may also use a commons area for the school agers at times. Capacity of the area is 47. The center opened in 2018.

There are 41 children enrolled in the program. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in cleaning toys daily that children use.

The infant room has wooden gates to keep children out of the kitchen/office area. One of the gates needed adjusted as no longer stays shut so center has rigged a bungie cord to keep gate closed. Also some trim has peeled off the wall to where it also needs to be fixed. Ms. Jacobson stated she has a work order in for the school maintenace to come and fix it. Reminder to have staff wash children's hands prior to lunch.

Meals are prepared by the Galva-Holstein school as well as snacks. Food is brought down to the infant and toddler rooms and the PK and school agers go to the gym to eat. Food storage practices are good. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition since the school is currently on the food program. Menus were posted. Medication pratices are followed. First aid is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Thermometers need to be added to the refrigerator to show proper food temperature.

Fire/tornado drills are documented monthly. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a carbon monoxide detector. Annual heating inspection was not available at the time of the visit. Radon tests were just completed by the school and director was waiting for the results. A Fenced-in playground is adjacent to the childcare wing. Surfacing is grass and rubber square tiles. The playground put in a nice big shade structure. The playground, however, needs to fill holes on the playground, fix the drop off area on the rubber tiles, and remove any swimming/wading pools. The director has made the school aware of these concerns on the playground. These need to be fixed asap. Center does not have any climbing equipment on the playground. The preschool/school agers use the schools playground which also added a new shade structure. They do have access to an area of the school for large motor development or the gym for inclement weather. The center is getting a new shed for the outside toys.

At this time the center does not transport children. They may go for walks if the weather permits. If there were to do any field trips for the school agers they would have access to the Galva-Holstein school bus.

Goals for the center are to fix the holes on playground and the edging off of the rubber tiles; put up new outside shed; get on

the food program and IQ4K, update rates from hourly to contract days, obtain more staff as they have had troubles keeping staff; and to utilize the Bright Wheel Childcare app to assist with more administrative requirments.

Strengths of the center is that they have good communication with staff and parents thru the Bright Wheel Childcare app. The center uses Facebook daycare page, the paper, and word of mouth when hiring for new staff. Center offers flexible hours as an incentive.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center plans to complete application they started to get on the food program.

Center plans to do IQ4K program.

Center sends home a monthly newsletter to the parents.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has child size furniture throughout the area.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 5

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Director needs to email consultant by 08-31-24 confirming that those aspects that fall below standard have been corrected.

Due to staff turnover, the director has been pulled into ratio, therefore, causing some administrative duties to fall behind. It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR to assist and support in those areas that fall below standards.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.