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

Name of Center: Wee Wildcat Day Care **Enrollment:** 49 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7240

Street: 300 S Berwick St **City:** Schaller Iowa **Zip** 51053 **County:** Sac

Mailing Address: PO Box 249, Schaller, IA, 51053

Director's Name: Jackie Wandrey **Phone Number:** 712-275-4266

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

Date(s) of Visit: 09-21-2020

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 03-04-2020

Comments :

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	20		12	33	65
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2019 to 11-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury **Date:** 10-01-2020

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

NA

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was made to the Wee Wildcat daycare program on 09-21-20 where I met with center director Jackie Wandrey. Jackie is well qualified for the position extensive experience and training in early childhood care having been with the center since it opened. This program is located in the Schaller Crestland elementary school. The program provides daycare services to infants through school age children. There are currently 49 children enrolled in the program. All areas of the center were reviewed during the visit.

The program operates in 3 classrooms with one for infants, one for 2 year olds, and one for preschool and school age children. Each classroom was observed to be clean with no immediate safety concerns noted due to design or maintenance. Each room has a large bank of windows along the exterior walls that provide ample natural light, ventilation, and a view of the outdoors. The windows can also serve as a secondary means of egress in the 2 year old room. The infant and school age rooms both have secondary exits with a shared door between them, and a door providing direct egress to the outdoors in the school age room. Each room has sinks in the room that allow for hand washing. The school age room also has a bathroom directly available off the programming space. The infant room makes use of low chests to divide the space that is carpeted where primary programming occurs from the area with tile which is used for feeding, and crib placement. The current arrangement makes use of the steps used for toddlers to access the changing station as a gate between the two areas.

Each room was observed to have a good variety of toys and materials that were in good repair and appropriate to the ages of the children present. A copy of the daily schedule and planned curriculum was posted in the school age room and was identified as being applied center wide in each classroom. The staff were all actively engaged with the children either attending to their needs or playing with them throughout the time of the visit.

Good health and safety practices were observed during the time of my visit. The center has implemented several temporary practices in response to the current Coronavirus pandemic which includes limited access, health screening of children and visitors, removal of plush toys and dramatic play clothes, and enhanced cleaning practices. I was able to observe diaper changes in several classrooms and good practices were followed. The center has first aid kit stocked with materials necessary to address most common first aid needs. The center did not have any children identified as taking any medications, and did have allergy response plans for those that had a diagnosed allergy. Good cleaning practices were also observed during the time of my visit. The center does need to ensure that staff store personal items properly. During the visit an employee purse was observed to be sitting on a low cabinet within easy reach of children. Purses and diaper bags frequently contain items such as medications that can be a risk to children and need to be stored in an area that is not accessible to children.

The center makes use of the school cafeteria for meal preparation but some food items are stored in the classrooms and good food storage practices were observed. The children do eat in the cafeteria and the staff sit with the children during meals. I was able to observe the lunch service and good food handling practices were observed with the teacher wearing food service gloves. A copy of the planned menu is posted and the meal served on the day of my visit did include health food options.

There are three playground spaces at the school that the center can make use that include one with large school age climbing

structures, a preschool space with a smaller climbing structure and crawling tunnel, and a grassy natural play area. The program generally does not make use of the larger playground except on occasions during the summer if they have sufficient numbers of school age children to take them off as a separate group. The main areas with the natural playground, and the preschool playground are both fenced. The equipment was observed to be in good repair. A unitary fall surfacing covers the entire play surface in the preschool playground. Large mature trees provide shade. A wooden sand table has been removed and replaced with a different metal unit that provides better access and requires less maintenance.

A review of administrative records found all required notices to be present and posted in an area readily visible to parents and visitors. The center does maintain a self-audit which was found to be accurate for both child and staff files. The review and self-audit identified that child files contained all required information though several were needing an updated physical. It is understood that many medical providers were not conducting well child checks due to the Coronavirus pandemic and are not backlogged for appointments. Jackie did note that the children that need a physical have scheduled appointments and are just waiting for the date to arrive. All staff files contained all required information. All required inspection logs and certificates were available and current.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has very strong relationships with the school, public health nurse, and child care resource and referral who all help the center implement best practice recommendations.

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

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room's arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
-- An employee purse was left out in an area where it was readily accessible to children. Purses and diaper bags frequently contain medications and other items that can be a safety risk to children and need to be stored so that they are not accessible.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license will remain in effect at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying either corrections or a plan of action to correct those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. 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.