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: 02-13-2024

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:** 11-19-2022

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

Date Inspected: 12-07-2023

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

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: N/A

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:** 03-01-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Little Lion Learning Center for an annual visit on 2/13/24. The center provides child care for infants to school aged children. They currently have 53 children enrolled with a capacity of 89 children. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center has four classrooms, office, kitchen, storage space and restrooms. The center had a fire inspection completed on 12/7/2023.

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

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.

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

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had completed fire and tornado drills as required. The center had completed radon and HVAC inspection completed as required.

The center's curriculum is teacher created with using components of Funny Daffer, Teacher's Pay Teacher's, and Planning Playtime.

The center’s policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center communicates with parents via Brightwheel.

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:

109.9(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. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
-Staff backpacks/purses were accessible to the children. Please review the following:
https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf

The outdoor play area needs some repairs.
-The center has an ASTM Mat; however, there is no proof of the mat's life expectancy or that it meets ASTM F1292.
-The center has equipment, rocks and tree logs that are over 12 inches high. This must have fall surfacing under them.
-There are several tripping hazards that this worker pointed out to the director.
-Ensure that a sufficient fall zone is around playground structures.
-The fence must be repaired: a gate is missing.

-The playground needs to be thoroughly inspected. The center is encouraged to contact their local nurse consultant:
https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

Please review the following:
https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/325.pdf
https://playgroundsafety.org/safe
https://extension.psu.edu/programs/betterkidcare/news/naturescapes

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.