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

Name of Center: Lo-Ma Kid Care **Enrollment:** 148 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 14175

Street: 1200 N 2nd AVE **City:** Logan Iowa **Zip** 51546 **County:** Harrison

Mailing Address: 1200 N 2nd AVE, Logan, IA, 51546

Director's Name: Tom Ridder, Jill Kiger **Phone Number:** 712-644-2250

On-Site Supervisor(s): Taylor Mikels, Amy Schwertley **E-Mail:** jkiger@lomaschools.org tmikels@lomaschools.org aschwertley@lomaschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-07-2023

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: 08-23-2021

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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			70	30	100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 10-23-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to LO-MA Kid Care on 9-7-2023. The program is located in the Logan-Magnolia School in Logan Iowa. The center became licensed on January 1, 2016. The center provides before and after school child care for preschool to school age children, preschool programming and wrap around child care for the preschool children. The before and after school program provides full day child care during the summer, in service days and holiday breaks. Tom Ridder is the director for Kidcare (Before and After school program), he is the principal of the school. Jill Kiger is the director for the preschool/Panther Room, she is the principal. Taylor Mikels is the on-site supervisor for the preschool program and Amy Schwertley is the on-site supervisor for the before and after school program. There are two preschool rooms, the panther wrap around child care room, an additional panther room was added for a.m. transitional kindergarten and the room is used for children who don't take naps. Taylor is one of the preschool teachers. There are 148 children enrolled in the center.
I met with Taylor Mikels, Amy Schwertley and Sharon Chase during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
Amy Schwertley and Vicki Placek were supervising the Kidcare children on the playground, they has excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The rooms looked great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate equipment and supplies. The preschool program uses Creative Curriculum for the three year olds and Creative Curriculum Gold for the four/five year olds they also use a math and social and emotional component. Each teacher prepares their own lesson plans/activities. No preschool programming is held on Fridays.
The before and after school program is located in the commons/cafeteria area, they also use the gym.
The center promotes fun hands on learning experiences for the children every day.
During the summer the Kid Care program takes field trips i.e. swimming and library.
Some staff have excellent longevity. The staff enjoy working at the center and are a close community.
The Panther room uses the Playground child care app.

Nutrition:
The program doesn't participate in the federal food program. Even though you don't participate in the federal food program you are required to meet the CACFP food guidelines. The children eat the school lunch and a daily snack is provided. When the children attend full day programming through the before and after school they are responsible for bringing their own lunch and they are stored in the refrigerator. There are thermometers in the refrigerator/freezers.
Monthly lunch menus were posted. Make sure the snack menus are posted.

Heath and Safety:
The medication management procedures are followed when children are prescribed medications and the med log is used. The supervisors work with the school nurse for administering medication during school hours. If medications are required after school hours Amy will set up a plan.
Fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented on a monthly basis.
Radon testing is required every two years. (If test scores are over a 4.0 pCi/L retesting and possible mitigation is required).

The center has carbon monoxide detectors.
The annual fuel burning inspection (boiler inspection) expired in July 2023. Please make sure you have your current boiler inspection.
The program rooms use bleach/water for sanitizing and disinfecting, the three step procedure is followed - 1. soap/water bottle for cleaning, 2. water bottle for rinsing and 3. bleach/water for sanitizing or disinfecting.

Playground:
The program uses the school playground. The monthly playground inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The child care program doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:
Taylor and Amy communicate with staff on a ongoing basis and with Mr. Ridder and Jill Kiger. Staff meetings are held and they have staff notes.
Make sure each program room has a hard copy of emergency contact information for each child - contact information for the parents, pick up information and the name of the doctor and dentist and phone numbers.
Staff files were reviewed Taylor sent me an email with the dates of the criminal and national record checks. One Kidcare staff needs their criminal record check updated.
The center is applying for IQ4K, all staff have taken the Passport training.
The director qualifications were received for Jill Kiger.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
Your program is a wonderful resource for the school and community.
The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and they are a level 4 and they are applying for IQ4K.
The center receives grants. Amy said the Kidcare program received a technology grant.

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

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
The annual fuel burning inspection (boiler inspection) expired in July 2023. Please make sure you have your current boiler inspection.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 1-1-2022 to 1-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 9-7-2023.

Please make sure the directors and on-site supervisors are knowledgeable of the Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures handbook, make sure directors and on-site supervisors have current copies.

*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.