

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

**Name of Center:** West Liberty Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 76 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 48100

**Street:** 806 N Miller St **City:** West Liberty **Iowa** **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 228, West Liberty, IA, 52776

**Director's Name:** Kirk Ryan and Dawn Kruse **Phone Number:** 319-627-5089

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Sonia Cuba de Plum and Cindy Becker **E-Mail:** kryan@wl.k12.ia.us

**Date(s) of Visit:**

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-28-2023

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

**Date Inspected:** 08-18-2023

**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

**Accreditation:** Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

**Program Serves:** Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|------------------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|
| General          |         |         | 100       |            | 100      |
| Summer           |         |         |           |            | 0        |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| <b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b> |                                                   |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| X                                  | <b>FULL</b> license from 08-28-2023 to 06-01-2025 |
|                                    | <b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from                   |
|                                    | <b>DENIAL</b> of initial application              |
|                                    | <b>SUSPENSION</b> of license                      |
|                                    | <b>REVOCATION</b> of license                      |

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Date: 08-28-2023

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

N/A

#### **II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

The center moved into a new building. The director, staff and capacity will all remain the same. They have six classrooms, a cafeteria, offices, meeting rooms and storage spaces.

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This worker arrived at West Liberty Early Learning Center on 5/23/2023. The center provides childcare to preschool aged children. The center is open from 7:30am to 2:00pm. The center has 76 children enrolled. The center is located inside of West Liberty Early Learning Center. The center is nonprofit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 4/4/21.

The directors are Kirk Ryan and Dawn Kruse. Kirk has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. He started at the center in 7/2022. Dawn has a Master's Degree in Education. She started at the center in 7/2022.

The on-site supervisors are Sonia Cuba de Plum and Cindy Becker. Sonia has an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. She started in 7/2022. Cindy has worked in child care since 2006.

This worker observed all classrooms. The center uses the following curriculum: Creative Curriculum Gold and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.

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 their fuel burning appliance inspection and radon inspection. They had a fully stocked first aid kit.

The center does offer field trips. They have gone to the parks, apple orchard, fair grounds, and the high school greenhouse.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

#### **III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

- Staff files and child files were in full compliance.
- The center participates with Vision to Learn so that children have access to eye exams and glasses if needed. The kids get two eye glasses if needed.
- The center is building a new location with an inclusive playground.

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

None

## **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/](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://idph.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.