

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

Name of Center: Love Kids Child Care Center LLC **Enrollment:** 18 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47657

Street: 901 N 35th St Bldg 8 Ste 201 **City:** Council Bluffs **Iowa** **Zip** 51501 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 901 N 35th St Bldg 8 Ste 201, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501

Director's Name: Pat Bridgeman **Phone Number:** 712-256-0181

On-Site Supervisor(s): na **E-Mail:** pat0428@cox.net

Date(s) of Visit: 08-29-2017, 08-17-2017

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

Date Inspected: 02-11-2016

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

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

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

Get-Well X **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	8	5	4		17
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 09-01-2016 to 09-01-2018
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 09-29-2017

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Unannounced off year licensing visits were made to Love Kids Childcare on 8-17-2017, and 8-29-2017. The center located at 901 N. 35th St, Council Bluffs Iowa 51501, next to the office at Feather Stone Apartments. The center opened on Monday, September 26, 2016. There are eighteen children enrolled. The center serves infant to preschool age children 6:00 am to 12:00 am Monday through Sunday.

The center is one room that is separated by portable walls. One side is for infants and the other side is for the older children. On 8-17-2017 the center was not in ratio. Pat reported that a staff person called and they were running late. Pat was the only staff present with 8 children, two of the children were under age two. While I was there two more parents came to drop off their children. Pat told them they couldn't take the children until more staff came. The second staff person arrived at 9:03 am. I reviewed staff ratio requirements with Pat.

A staff persons purse was on the floor accessible to the children.

Staff and children's files were reviewed. Six children's files were incomplete, the emergency contact information for the dentist was needed and two files needed a physical. Two staff files were incomplete, physicals and the federal record checks were missing.

Lesson plans are needed.

Pat didn't have documentation of fire/tornado drills, or playground safety checks.

A radon test is needed.

Pat said she would get all of the paperwork up to date and I told her I would return in a couple of weeks to review complete my off year licensing visit and review all of the documentation.

I returned to the center on 8-29-2017. Pat was out of ratio again, she had 8 children, some were two years old. I again reviewed the ratio requirement with Pat. Pat called her husband James to come in.

I reviewed the children's files and a few still didn't have the emergency contact information for the dentist. One file didn't have a physical.

One staff file had a hit from a criminal record check. Pat was not aware of the procedure she needed to follow when staff have a hit. Pat needs to complete the follow up information for the record check.

Nutrition:

The center provides breakfast, lunch and snack. You need to follow the federal food program guidelines even if you aren't on the federal food program.

Health and safety:

No children were prescribed medication at the time of my licensing visit.

Please complete your radon testing within the first year of being licensed. Please send me a copy of your radon test results.

If you building has fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection prior to heating season.

Playground:

There is a small fenced in playground in the back of the center. You will need to refer to the Handbook for Public Playground Safety for information on surfacing, safe equipment, fall zones etc. You will need to practice and document a monthly playground safety inspection.

Transportation:

The center doesn't provide transportation services.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The centers goals are to build enrollment, get more equipment and supplies for the program rooms, learn the DHS rules and provide a quality child care program.

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

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required by age.

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS Criminal History Record Check, Form B, that was submitted prior to employment. 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.

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.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.

Information lacking: Please review all children's files and make sure they have all of the required emergency contact information.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

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. A staff persons purse was on the floor accessible to children.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

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.

109.12(1)a: Program provides a curriculum or program of activities that promotes self-esteem and positive self-image, social interaction, self-expression and communication, creative expression, and problem-solving skills.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 9-1-2016 to 9-1-2018.

I am recommending that the director and owners of Love Kids Childcare read the DHS Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures to become knowledgeable of the Iowa rules and regulations.

Please post and review ratio requirements with staff.

*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.