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

Name of Center: Wunderkinder **Enrollment:** 6 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52711

Street: 17544 Sunnydale Rd **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51503 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 424 Oakland Ave, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

Director's Name: Jennifer Leonard **Phone Number:** 712-435-0076

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** mrs.jenleonard@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-25-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-31-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-08-2024

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit 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	10	10	15	5	40
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-15-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Wunderkinder on 2-25-2025. This is a new center that opened on 2-3-2025. The center is in a two story building located in rural Council Bluffs, Iowa. Jennifer Leonard is the director, she has an Associates Degree in Montessori Education and has many years experience working in a Montessori setting and in preschool. The center provides Montessori child care, Montessori preschool and Montessori kindergarten - ages served infant to kindergarten. There are six children enrolled. I met with Jennifer during my licensing visit. Child care services are offered to infant age children to preschool age children.

Observation of rooms:
The rooms look great and have a wonderful variety of Montessori equipment. Jennifer is very creative and the program rooms are educational and inviting.
The occupied program rooms were observed. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were nurturing and attentive to the needs of the children. As enrollment grows more program rooms will be used.
The Brightwheel childcare app is used. The infant daily sheets looked great. The lesson plans/activities looked good.

Nutrition:
The children bring their lunch each day and they are refrigerated. The center provides the snack and they have a snack menu.

Health and safety:
Please complete radon testing within the first year of licensing, test results must be under a 4.0 pCi/L. If scores are under a 4.0 pCi/L please refer to the handbook for information regarding frequency of testing.
The building has electric appliances.
Jennifer will begin completing and documenting monthly fire and tornado drills.

Playground:
The center has a wonderful playground area with equipment and plenty of green space. Jennifer will begin completing and documenting monthly playground safety inspections.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation.

Administrative records:
Staff and child files were in excellent order. Jennifer maintains daily contact with staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a beautiful new Montessori child care center. Jennifer Leonard is very enthusiastic and proud of her new center. She is very creative and organized.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 2-1-2025 to 2-1-2027.

*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.