

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

Name of Center: Lo-Ma Kid Care **Enrollment:** 120 **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 **Phone Number:** 712-644-2168

On-Site Supervisor(s): Vicki Placek, Taylor Mikels **E-Mail:** tridder@lomaschools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-29-2020

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 02-04-2020

Comments :

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 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: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 01-01-2020 to 01-01-2022
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 02-17-2020

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 LO-MA Kid Care on 1-29-2020. 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, he is the principal of the school, Vicki Placek is the on-site supervisor for the before and after school program and Taylor Mikels is the on-site supervisor for the preschool program. There are three preschool teachers, Katie, Taylor, Jodi(TK room) Jenna (Panther room 2 in the afternoon). Vicki started the before and after school program over twenty six years ago. There are one hundred twenty children enrolled in the center. I met with Vicki and Taylor during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:

The program rooms were in ratio. 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, 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.

Please make your lesson plans/activities more detailed with meaningful content. During the summer the Kid Care program takes field trips i.e. swimming and library.

The wrap around child care program is located in the Panther room their hours are 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, if children are still at the program at 4:30 they are taken to the before and after school program.

The children were having fun participating in a variety of activities.

The center has excellent staff longevity. The staff enjoy working at the center and they are a close community.

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 program provides a daily snack for the children. When the child 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 menus were 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 Vicki will set up a plan.

Fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented on a monthly basis.

Radon testing is needed, the last radon testing documentation is from 2017 and all of the test results were under a 4.0 pCi/L. 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) is needed.

The program rooms use Bleach Germicidal Cleaner for sanitizing the food surface tables in their rooms. Make sure all rooms are using the soap/water bottle for cleaning and then a water bottle for rinsing before they sanitize. The Bleach Germicidal Cleaner has a three minute dwell time. Katie reported that the child care nurse consultant approved the Bleach Germicidal Cleaner for sanitizing the food surface tables.

A staff persons purse was accessible to children in one of the program rooms - this is a safety hazard. Please make sure all staff are placing purses and personal belonging out of the reach of the children.

Playground:

The program uses the school playground.

It was previously reported that a grant was received for playground equipment to be installed in the spring of 2019.

Transportation:

The child care program doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:

Vicki has staff meetings and maintains daily contact with her staff.

Taylor communicates with staff through email and quarterly staff meetings, she also meets with the preschool teachers, Mr. Ridder and the literacy coach on a regular basis.

Each program room will need to have a copy of the emergency contact information for each child - this needs to include contact information for the parents, pick up information and the name of the doctor and dentist and phone number.

All staff must maintain the required DHS contact hours of training, the director didn't have the required training.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff are always so pleasant and helpful.

Staff had wonderful interactions with the children in all program rooms, they were nurturing, having fun with the children and involved in programming.

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 IV.

On 8-2-2017 preschool programming and wrap around child care services were added to the Lo-Ma Kid Care license. There are three preschool rooms and the wrap around child care room/Panther room.

New in 2019/2020

The center applies for grants for new equipment and supplies for the program rooms.

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

109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs. One staff was in need of a current national record check - fingerprinting.

All national record checks - fingerprinting are required every four years - even the record checks that result in a name search are required every four years. If you are aware of a staff having a transgression prior to the four year date you would need to complete the record check at that time.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.

All staff must maintain the required DHS contact hours of training, the director didn't have the required training.

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.

Make sure all preschool age children have a current physical and all physicals must have a date on them.

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.

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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.

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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) is needed.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.

Make sure all program rooms have lesson plans/activities, information should be detailed and meaningful.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals. Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.

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.

Please send me an email by March 2nd, 2020 and let me know how the items listed above have been corrected.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 1-1-2020 to 1-1-2022.

Please send me an email by March 2nd, 2020 and let me know how the non compliance areas have been corrected.

A referral to Child Care Resource and Referral is being made for consultation and training for lesson planning/activities, CACFP food program guidelines, review sanitizing procedure - three step bottle procedure, review of what needs to be in child and staff files. It may be a good idea for who ever has these duties to develop a tracking system.

*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.