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

Name of Center: Little Rascals Daycare and Preschool **Enrollment:** 86 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19253

Street: 1125 Rockdale Rd **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52003 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 1125 Rockdale Rd, Dubuque, IA, 52003

Director's Name: Alexandria Rath **Phone Number:** 563-582-2400

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tabitha Rolfe **E-Mail:** littlerascalsdubuque@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-18-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **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: 08-30-2022

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	16		74	16	106
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 05-25-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 5/18/23. The owner and director is Alexandria Rath. Alexandria meets center director qualifications. Alexandria was present on the day of the visit. The on site supervisor, Tabitha Rolfe, was present along with other staff on the day of the visit. Alexandria and Tabitha accompanied the licensing consultant for the majority of the visit. The center serves children age six weeks to 12 years and does offer before and after school and non-school day care for school-age children. This center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of defined program space on the main level and a lower level. The main level includes the nursery (age six weeks to 12 months) and toddler room (age 12 months through 23 months). There is also a "middle room" that is described as the school age area (this area is also used as a combined age group for children age three and up at the beginning and end of the day). There is a restroom (two toilets and two hand washing sinks) that is shared between the school-age area and the toddler room. There is a second restroom area between the school-age area and the nursery, however, the director states this area is not used except for storage (it cannot be used as a restroom area currently because there are many items are stored there). The lower level includes the two year old room (two/three years), three year old room (middle room, three/four years), prek room (four/five years). There are two additional shared restrooms that are adjacent to (between) the rooms on the lower level. All program space was observed.

This center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack, and a later afternoon/evening snack all prepared on site by the designated kitchen staff in the center's kitchen. The center does not participate in the CACFP program. The kitchen area is organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center continues to be managed well by the center director and on site supervisor. The on site supervisor has a CDA certification. The center has obtained the new IQ4K level one certification. The staff appear to work well together. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in activities. The center is bright with lots of windows on both floors. The center has a good supply of books stored in the hallway area on the lower level, arranged by subject/topic to make them more accessible to staff for planning purposes. Daily notes are completed for all children except school age children at the center. The center holds parent/teacher conferences annually for all but the school age children. The center participates in the AEA program to borrow materials to supplement activities at the center. The center's licensing documentation, staff files, and child files were found again to be highly organized.

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

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.

Number not in compliance: 1

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that: The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
1. Wood chips are not of sufficient depth as required in the fall zone area around the climbing structure.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure at least one whole grain is served per day. This should be noted on the posted menu.
2. Ensure children can reach and tear their own paper towels after hand washing in the twos room.
3. Shelf surfacing where clean dishes are set and stored in the rooms needs to be cleaned and sanitized. This should be done regularly.
4. Ensure all ventilation fans are working in the restroom areas.

This center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited as well as the items noted above in this section of the report. The center shall submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when the corrections are/will be completed including how the items noted above in this section of the report have been addressed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank you.

*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.