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

Name of Center: Lil' Mustangs Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 76 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51170

Street: 309 S Lincoln ST Ste 2 **City:** George Iowa **Zip** 51237 **County:** Lyon

Mailing Address: PO BOX 404, George, IA, 51237

Director's Name: Haley Spielman **Phone Number:** 712-475-6088

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

Date(s) of Visit: 08-18-2023

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** X **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:** 06-29-2022

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

Date Inspected: 08-04-2020

Comments : Capacity has increased from 80 to 120 by adding two more class rooms(gym room and a preschool room with a max of 20 capacity in each room).

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

Financial Type: Profit X 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*
Sunday			
Monday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	24	16	60	20	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2022 to 08-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 08-21-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 08-18-23 and spoke with Hailey Spielman new director as Brooke Klaasen had resigned. Ms Spielman, has a 4 year degree in general studies with education/music emphasis and 3 years working in a childcare center. Ms. Spielman was the onsite supervisor for the center and became the director in December 2022. Lil' Mustangs Childcare is housed in the old elementary wing of George/Little Rock Community School. Taylor Severson, is the Office Assistant and one who is available if Hailey is not present.

The center has 8 classrooms in the building. One room is used as a storage room and one room had been used by the 4 year old preschool room and one room as a gym. Center has moved rooms around again and is using the gym room now as the school age room. The 4 year old preschool program has moved out of the building opening up that room which they will use for preschool/TK room. The other room will continue to be used for storage. As of 08-21-23, capacity had changed from 80 to 120. The center opened in September 2020. The George Preschool had a room in the daycare area with it's own license, however, has moved it's location to the Little Rock Elementary School. The childcare operates Monday through Friday 6am to 6pm. The childcare serves children ages 6 weeks to school age.

There are 76 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit their were 43 children present. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys daily that children use. Children have access to bathrooms, however, school agers should be supervised when going to the restroom rather then send them down the hall. Daily schedule of activities was posted. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The childcare center has the following areas throughout the rooms for the children to explore and learn: puzzles, shelf toys. blocks, house, dress up, legos and library. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathrooms and sinks. Displayed throughout the room were shapes. cartoon pictures, pictures of children in various activities and the alphabet. Observed the staff assisting children with activities, playing with the children, talking with the children throughout the day, and sitting at tables or on the floor with the children.

Their are 3 playgrounds adjacent to the building which the program had applied for thru the Riverboat foundation grant. There is an infant playground and a playground for 2 and up children. The playground is complete with the exception of adding a shade structure. They do have a grassy area as well. Their is a public gym that is in a area of the childcare which had access to the daycare. A door was installed so the public no longer have access to the center for safety reasons. The school agers will still have access to the bathrooms but not the public.

Refrigerator is clean and at appropriate temperature. Good food storage practices were observed, however there was some

cereal not sealed and was reminded to the director. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. As of 08-08-22 the center is providing breakfast and snacks and lunches are prepared by the George/Little Rock school district. Menus were posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed hand washing procedures by staff and children, however hand washing needs to be done after diapering. First aid kit are sufficient to handle minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon tests need to be completed which they plan to do over the upcoming labor day weekend. Furnace inspection was not available at the time of the visit. Good sanitary procedures are followed. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained.

The center has poured rubber surface along the climbing structures. The center has a infant playground separate from the older kids and a two year old playground. A shade structure is looking to be installed on the infant playground. Monthly playground inspection was completed. Shade is available on the playground by trees, however, extra shade needs to be done in the infant playground.

The center does not normally do field trips that need transportation as they usually walk to where they want to go. However, if they do fieldtrips they will use the school bus with the school. Some of the field trips they walked to the pool, library, or to the park.

Goals of the program is to update their curriculum, get more quality staff, get on the IQ4K program, get playground shade completed on the infant playground. Open the new room for preschool/TK children.

Strengths of the program is that the program is flexible with families and staff to accommodate and provide quality care. They have the support of the school, community, and parents that they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center raising money for new playground equipment, curriculum, toys, and supplies.

Center uses pro-care app to communicate with parents as well as email and facebook page.

Center is well organized.

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture in all the rooms.

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

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 the center.
Number not in compliance 4. Director was in the process of updating the children's files.

109.10(8): Children’s hand washing: Center shall ensure staff assist children in personal hygiene. For each infant or child with a disability, a separate cloth for washing and one for rinsing may be used in place of running water. Children’s hands shall be washed: Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity. After using the restroom or being diapered. After handling animals.

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.

109.11(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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that new director complete the DHS Licensing Checklist a self audit to help as a tool. Also to continue working with CCRR for support and any director trainings.

Please provide a written response that items needing corrected have been completed by 09-15-23.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.