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

Name of Center: Little River Hawks **Enrollment:** 62 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51148

Street: 439 Wilson ST **City:** Miles Iowa **Zip** 52064 **County:** Jackson

Mailing Address: 439 Wilson ST, Miles, IA, 52064

Director's Name: Taylor Olson **Phone Number:** 563-682-7131

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jerica Byram **E-Mail:** taylor.olson@eastonvalleycsd.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-13-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-27-2020

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

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	19	22	20	10	71
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2022 to 09-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 07-05-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 6/13/23. Taylor Olson is the center director and was present along with other staff on the day of this visit. Taylor accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the majority of the visit. This center is owned and operated by the Easton Valley School District. The center director reports to Chris Fee, the superintendent of the school district. The center occupies several rooms within the school building and offers care to children infant through school age on a year round basis including before and after school care. The center director notes that a portion of the before and after school care for school age children is now provided by a grant that is exempt from child care licensing, however, the center continues to provide child care for some school age children.

The center includes the following program rooms: Preschool room (three year old preschool and child care for three year old through school age children), toddler room (18 months through two years), infant room (six weeks to 18 months). The cafeteria is no longer used by the program. All program rooms provide ample space for activities. The infant and toddler rooms are bright with large windows. The preschool room includes three adjacent restroom areas (one toilet and one hand washing sink each), one diaper station within the program room, and one hand washing sink within the program room. The toddler room includes one diapering station and two hand washing sinks within the program room. Children from the toddler room have to travel next door to the preschool room to use the restroom area. The infant room includes two diapering stations and two hand washing sinks within the program room.

The center has been granted an exception to policy through 5/30/24 to continue to combine school age children with three year old children.

The center is able to use the school gymnasium for indoor large motor activities if/when it is available.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Breakfast and lunch are prepared in the school cafeteria IDPH licensed kitchen by school kitchen staff on school days. For other days the center uses a staff person who functions primarily as a cook staff for the center but is also employed with the school in the kitchen area during the school year. The center purchases this service from the school. This is by contract arrangement between the center and the school. The center purchases and prepares their snacks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program rooms continue to provide ample space and are nicely arranged and supplied. Materials are accessible to the children, organized, and appear to be well maintained. Two of the rooms are bright with windows. The center continues to provide clean bedding for the non infant children daily. The center is providing a needed service to the community. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in program activities. Staff and child files, other required licensing documentation, and the center's written policies are generally well organized and complete. The center continues to use a tracking system for staff and child files.

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

STAFF FILES: 109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the first aid and cpr certifications completed timely.

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medication authorization missing specific beginning and ending dates for the period of authorization.
2. Medications not labeled with the child's name (prescription medications must include the original pharmacy label and over the counter medications shall have the child's name written on them).

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed. Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.
1. Food service tables and countertop surface used for food preparation were not properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to the lunch in the toddler room. Remove clutter and items from surfaces prior to cleaning and sanitizing for all food service activities.
2. Staff observed not always to wash hands and keep hands clean prior to and during food service activities as is required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Ensure all menu items are CACFP credible. Donuts, cinnamon rolls, muffins, etc. are likely not credible. Ensure the correct serving sizes are provided to each child per CACFP guidelines. This requires extra consideration when combining age groups such as two year and three year old children and school age children with preschool age children.
2. Child files enrollment information needs to include the emergency consent statement (updated annually).
3. Ensure child files include annually updated permission to release children to the school bus (not affiliated with child care) for those children who leave the center this way.
4. Update posted daily schedules so that they are accurate for the routine the center actually follows. The later afternoon snack should show on the schedule. Ensure that no less than two hours and no more than three hours are between the start times for meals/snacks.
5. Ensure office door is kept closed at all times to prevent children from accessing this area. This has been noted previously.
6. Shelving units in the toddler room observed to have badly chipping paint. These should be repaired or removed and replaced.
7. Toddler room needs development for materials and arrangement of materials to support program activities. It is recommended that the center work with their CCRR consultant on improvements.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. The center director shall follow up with the licensing consultant when all of the areas of concern for the outdoor play areas have been resolved. 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.