

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

Name of Center: Lil Scholars Too **Enrollment:** 137 **License ID No. (Reapplications):** 47066

Street: 1300 8th St Suite #2 **City:** West Des Moines **Iowa Zip:** 50265 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1300 8th St Suite #2, West Des Moines, IA, 50265

Director's Name: Marci Johnston **Phone Number:** 515-223-0008

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kellie Johnson **E-Mail:** lilscholarstoo@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-30-2017

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 04-12-2016

Comments :

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

Financial Type: **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **Accredited** **NAEYC** **NSACA** **Other** **NA**

Program Serves: **Infants (0-23 mo.)** **2 Years** **Preschool-Age** **School-Age**

Get-Well **Evening Care** **Special Needs**

SCHEDULE: **Year-round** **School-Year** **Summer Only**

| HOURS: | <u>Year-round</u> | <u>School-Year</u> | <u>Summer Only</u> | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
| General | 48 | 26 | 98 | | 172 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

QRS Rating: N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| X | FULL license from 05-01-2016 to 03-01-2018 |
| | PROVISIONAL license from |
| | DENIAL of initial application |
| | SUSPENSION of license |
| | REVOCACTION of license |

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

Date: 11-07-2017

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Lil Scholars Too opened in May 2016. This is a single standing building. The center serves children ages infancy through school age. Marci Johnston is the owner and director. Marci also owns Lil Scholars, which is located in downtown Des Moines. Marci has a BA in Elementary Education. She has a Master's degree in Special Education. Marci was a teacher for eleven years prior to opening up Lil Scholars. Kellie Johnson is the on site supervisor. Kellie was a director in other child care centers prior to coming to Lil Scholars Too.

Kellie was present today and she assisted with the visit. All classrooms were observed today.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kim has owned and directed daycare centers for several years. She is involved in the daily operations at both centers. Kellie has previous experience being a director prior to coming to this center. The classrooms at this center are well furnished with age appropriate supplies and furnishings. This center participates in QRS and has earned a three star rating.

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

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.

Number not in compliance: 29

The center got a new sytem in place to track physicals to ensure they are getting new physicals when needed.

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.

An infant's hands weren't washed after being diapered.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant. No co-sleeping shall be allowed. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician authorization with statement of medical

reason is required.

A four month old infant was swaddled. This is quite old for an infant to still be swaddled. The center had a note from the doctor but there was not end date/expiration date on the doctor's note. Kellie is going to speak with the family about getting something in writing from the child's doctor.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-725-2635; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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