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

Name of Center: Lil Tattle Tales Childcare & Learning Center **Enrollment:** 22 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52145

Street: 3303 Harry Langdon BLVD **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51503 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 3303 Harry Langdon BLVD, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

Director's Name: Janelle Kannedy **Phone Number:** 712-366-7034

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

Date(s) of Visit: 03-27-2024

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: 10-18-2022

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: 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		8	8	6	22
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy De George-Evans **Date:** 04-04-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Lil Tattle Tales Childcare & Learning Center opened on July 5, 2023. Janelle Kannedy is the director. Esther Schroeder, Janelle's mother works at the center. Esther and Janelle have several years of experience operating a registered home child care.
There are 22 children enrolled.

Observation of room:
The center looks great, it is one large room. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Esther said they had more children in attendance due to the school being on spring break. Sixteen children were present - (5 - two year olds, 3 - three year olds, 4 - four year olds, 2 -five year olds and 2 children over age 5) I gave Esther the ratio/age separation information for her and Janelle to review. Due to the extended age range of children combined it was a little chaotic and many of the younger children were crying, I understand it was a spring break day and the schedule may have been altered and the lunch plan was different. Initially Esther and the volunteer were present and shortly thereafter Janelle arrived. The children were playing, lesson plans are needed, they would like ideas for age appropriate lesson plans. Staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
A staff persons purse was accessible to the children, this is a health and safety hazard. Make sure staff purses and personal belongings are not accessible to children. Please remove plastic bags from the program area, as they may be a health and safety hazard for young children.

Nutrition:
There is a gate to prevent children from entering the kitchen. Meals are prepared onsite. Make sure the staff who is cooking is not considered in ratio. Even if you aren't on the federal food program you still need to follow the CACFP food guidelines. Proper food storage was observed. Menus are needed.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was done in March 2024 with a test score of 0.3 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every two years and the score must be under a 4.0 pCi/L. Janelle and Esther reported that the building has fuel burning appliances, therefore you don't require an annual fuel burning inspection.
Medication management procedures are followed when children are prescribed medication. The medication management class is recommended. Although bleach/water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting, the bottles weren't mixed on the day of my visit. Please follow the directions on your specific bottle of bleach for mixing instructions, if the instructions aren't on the bottle go to the website on the bottle for instructions. Please use the three bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Bleach/water must be mixed daily. You can discuss other options for sanitizing and disinfecting besides bleach/water with your child care nurse consultant. Clorox wipes were accessible to the children. Please make sure the Clorox wipes aren't accessible to the children and don't use them when the children are present.

Playground:
The center has a playground with a piece of equipment and swings, pea gravel is used for surfacing. Please refer to the

Public Playground Safety Handbook for specific information regarding surfacing, fall zones etc. A new fence around the playground will be installed in the next few weeks. Monthly playground safety checks are completed.

Transportation:
Daily transportation services aren't provided.

Administrations:
Staff files were read, I couldn't locate Janelle's criminal record check - make sure you have your record check information.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your center is an excellent resource for the community. Janelle and Esther enthusiastic and proud of the center, they have many years of experience providing child care.
They are continuing to learn the licensing rules.

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

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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109.12(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.
Lesson plans are needed, they would like ideas for age appropriate lesson plans. Staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks. Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted. Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking. Menus are needed.

Separation of age groups/ratio
I gave Esther the ratio/age separation information for her and Janelle to review.

Please send me an email by April 26th, 2024 and let me know how the items listed above have been corrected.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 7-1-2023 to 7-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 3-27-2024.

A referral to Child Care Resource and Referral will be made for assistance with lesson plans/activities, sanitizing/disinfecting, ratio/separation by age, menus etc.

Please send me an email by April 26th, 2024 and let me know how the noncompliance items listed above have been corrected.

*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.