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

Name of Center: Shea's Learning Days Child Development Center LLC **Enrollment:** 21 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 40498

Street: 2308 AVE J **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51501 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 2308 AVE J, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501

Director's Name: Chanda Long **Phone Number:** 712-256-9919

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

Date(s) of Visit: 11-13-2023

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

Date Inspected: 12-07-2021

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 X 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	12	6	25	24	67
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

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

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-27-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Shea's Learning Days Child Development Center on 11-13-2023. The center opened at this location on 5-5-2014. Chanda continues to be the director. Child care services are offered to infants to school age children from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
There are 21children enrolled. I met with Chanda during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
There are two program rooms. The infant room is for children six weeks to 15 months old. There were four children with one staff. The staff were attentive to the needs of the children. The room looked very nice, there is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The daily sheets looked good, they are on the iPad and sent to the parents each day. No shoes are allowed on the carpeted area, this is a health and safety precaution and is cleaner for the children. The room has two sinks, one for hand washing after diaper changing and the other sink is for meal preparation.

The large room separates the children into groups according to age. There were twelve children with two staff, the children were taking a nap. Reach for the Stars curriculum is used. The room had lesson plans/activities. The room looked great, there is a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children. Fun art work was displayed. The center uses the Himamma child care app.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch and snacks are prepared on site in the kitchen. Proper food storage was observed. Menus are prepared on a weekly basis and are posted. Even if you aren't on the federal food program, compliance with the CACFP food guidelines is required.

Health and safety:
The staff follow the medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication and they have the medication log. Fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented each month. Two radon tests were completed in September 2022 with test results of 1.4 pCi/L and 0.9 pCi/L.
Chanda reported that the building has electric appliances.
The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and they are a level 3. Chanda is applying for IQ4K.

Playground:
The center has a wonderful fenced playground area. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:
Chanda has staff meetings and meets with all staff on an ongoing basis.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Chanda is very organized and have excellent skills as the director and on-site supervisor. Chanda is very proud of the center and the staff, she does nice things throughout the year to show appreciation for her staff. Amanda helps with files.
The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and they are a level 3. Chanda will apply for the IQ4K program.
The center applies for grants.

The center is a wonderful resource for the community. The staff have excellent interactions with the children.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Shea's Learning Days Child Development Center for 1-1-2023 to 1-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 11-13-2023.

*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.