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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Little Treasures

Provider No.: 50648

Address: 2035 Radford Rd, Dubuque, IA, 52002

County: Dubuque

Director's Name: Alexandria Rath

On-Site Supervisor: Tammy Sprecher

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HHS Visit Date: 03/26/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/19/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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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			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	26	13	72		111
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 3/26/26. Alexandria Rath is the owner of the center and is the qualified center director. This is one of two centers that Alexandria owns and operates. Alexandria is the center director for both sites. Alexandria meets center director qualifications with an associate's degree in early childhood education, working at this center for five years prior to owning and directing the center for the past 11 years, and nine years of experience operating as a home child care provider. Alex states she is working toward a bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Alexandria was present at the center on the day of the visit. The approved on site supervisor for this center is Tammy Sprecher. Tammy was present on the day of the visit and accompanied the licensing consultant for the majority of the visit. The center provides care for children age six weeks to 12 years. The program includes before and after school care and non school day care for school-age children. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Program. The center director states the center uses portions of the Creative Curriculum along with theme based monthly and weekly activity planning and curriculum support from Teachers Pay Teachers platform. The center reports enrollment of 110 children at the time of the visit.

The center consists of program space on the main and lower levels of the building. The main level includes the nursery room (age six weeks to approximately 12 months), toddler room (approximately 12 months through 23 months), twos room (two years), and a "middle room" that is described as the school-age area. The lower level includes the threes room (three years), "pre p" room (three and four years), and prek room (four and five year old children). Diapering stations are included in the nursery, toddler, and twos rooms. The restrooms are all adjacent to the program rooms that share them on both floors. All program rooms include sink(s) for hand washing activities. Some rooms include a sink that is used for food/beverage preparation activities. Program areas generally included an adequate supply of books, art/craft supplies, and toys for free play.

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This center serves breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and a later afternoon snack all prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. The center does not participate in the CACFP program. The kitchen area is organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center continues to be managed well by the center director and on site supervisor. The center director has a NAC certification and reports that she is currently working toward her Bachelor's degree in early childhood education. The center is bright with windows on both levels of the building. The center has plenty of books that are arranged by topic. Children's crafts and projects are posted throughout the center. Information about daily activities at the center are provided to parents of all children through the center's online application. Staff appear to work well together and were observed to be engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. Licensing documentation and staff and child files were again found to be highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(3): Infectious disease control: Centers shall establish policies and procedures related to infection disease control and use of universal precautions with handling of bodily fluid. Soiled diapers shall be stored in containers separate from other waste.
1. Diaper waste is not kept separate from other waste in the twos room. The diaper waste can shall also be clearly labeled for this material only.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
1. Bleach and diaper ointments accessible to children in the toddler room.

109.11(6): Telephone: Working phone with posting adjacent for emergency numbers for police, fire, and poison control center. Center street address and phone included in posting.List of emergency numbers for children kept near phone.
1. Phone posting is needed at the phone in the twos room and the threes room.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Improve storage of children's items in the prek room. Children's coats and other items observed on the floor.
2. Move stools stored on upper shelf in the toddler room so these do not present a topple hazard.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation(s) and/or concern(s) noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 05/18/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.