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

Name of Center: Little Angels Learning Center **Enrollment:** 50 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27735

Street: 606 E Army Post Rd Ste 5 **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50315 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 606 E Army Post Rd Ste 5, Des Moines, IA, 50315

Director's Name: Ok Ja Jeun **Phone Number:** 515-285-2073

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** okja50@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-10-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 04-01-2024

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	8	12	24	46	90
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: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 07-14-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Little Angels Learning Center has been in operation since 1994. Ok Ja Jeun is the owner and director. The center is located in a building, owned by Ok and her husband, and that also has other businesses present. The center provides child care for children ages infancy through school age. A security monitoring system is in place in the classrooms and kitchen.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing standards were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classrooms had schedules and lesson plans available and posted. Ok was present. She assisted with the visit. All of the classrooms in operation were observed.

The infant classroom had five infants present. Two infants were working in this classroom. The 2's classroom had four children present. There was one staff working with in this classroom. The 3's had eight children in attendance. There was one staff working in this classroom. There were three preschool age children in attendance today. These children were spending time in the 3's classroom and in the school age classroom today. There were thirteen children in the school age classroom during the visit. There were two staff working in the school age classroom. Children were observed in their classrooms and on the playground.

The playground has fencings. The center has pea gravel for surfacing. There are some small climbing structures. There is also concrete on the playground. There are some outdoor toys left outside. Staff bring some toys outside when their classes go outdoors. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

The center has a full kitchen and cook on staff. Menus were reviewed. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

The center uses their own vans for transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Ok is involved in all the daily operations of the center. She has been the owner and director since the center opened. The center has cameras in the classrooms.

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

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 or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

An infant was observed sleeping in a swing during the visit. The swing was facing a wall so the infant wasn't able to be observed by the staff in this room easily.
Ok said a grandparent had just brought the swing in for her own grandchild who had recently started attending daycare. Ok was going to remove the swing due to the concerns observed today during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; 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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