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

**Name of Center:** Mater Dei's Little Saints **Enrollment:** 65 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30119

**Street:** 1312 Morningside Ave **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

**Mailing Address:** 1312 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51106

**Director's Name:** Melissa Tiedtke **Phone Number:** 712-276-1647

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Emily Torgesen **E-Mail:** MDP.littlesaints@materdeisc.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 01-17-2023

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-01-2022

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

**Date Inspected:** 06-29-2022

**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:** 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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | 16 | 33 | 50 | 99 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-01-2025 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Jana Drew **Date:** 01-23-2023

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Visited Mater Dei Daycare on 01-17-23. The center changed their name from Yellow Brick Road Daycare to Mater Dei Daycare on 07-15-22 to show that they are affiliated with Mater Dei Church and school. Visited with Melissa Tiedtke, director. Ms Tiedtke has twenty six years of experience working with children. Yellow Brick Road Preschool/Childcare is located in a two story building with a fenced-in playground adjacent to the building. There are two rooms(an upper level and lower level) in the center. The center operates Monday through Friday 6:45am to 5:45pm. The program serves children ages two to school age. The center also utilizes the Mater Dei school building across the street from the center from 3:30 to 4:45pm each day right after school for the school agers. The program utilizes the gym and the art room at the school. If there are any school age children left after 4:45pm then they bring them over to the main building at the end of the day. They also use the school during the summer as well if needed. The front doors are locked and Mater Dei staff let people into the building. The program operates M-F 7:00am to 5:30am during the summer. The program follows Mater Dei for any inclement weather.

There are 57 children enrolled in the program, 29 which are school agers, 9 preschoolers, and 19 are childcare. The center is following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and continues to do everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, children's artwork and the alphabet. The center utilizes Creative Curriculum. The center follows the Mater Dei school for weather related closures.

The center has been updating their facility with the grants that they have applied for. The grants helped with putting in new window shades, water heater, shed, furnace/air conditioner, toys, table/chairs, cameras outside of the building, asphalt for the playground, new fence, new surfacing for playground and new play equipment, as well as a new refrigerator. The program plans to continue to update the center as they still have some grant money left. This spring they plan to update their bathrooms, new washer/dryer, a vestibule to put out in front of the door, and cameras inside the rooms. The program is using a Bright Wheel app to help with administration things, communication with parents, and payments.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Food is prepared onsite in a kitchen that is not accessible to the children. Refrigerator is kept at the appropriate temperature. Breakfast cereal is stored in plastic containers. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition, but is not currently on the food program. Menus were posted.

Center Health & Safety
Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Currently the center is not administering any medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire and tornado drills need to be documented monthly. Radon test completed and within normal range. Annual heating inspection is complete at the school. The center is all electric. The center continues to have a gal to come into the center nightly to ensure that the center meets sanitary conditions. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. Center had cleaning products put up, however, older kids could possible reach

them. The center needs to put these cleaning products in a cupboard and locked.

Center Playground
The center has two fenced-in playgrounds. One for younger children that has playhouse with wood chips for surfacing. The older children's has a new playground climbing equipment, that has slides, climbing equipment, bridge, trikes and cars. Surfacing around the equipment is turf. Monthly playground inspection need to be documented. Shade is available on the playground.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center does not transport the children. If the center goes on a field trip they either walk or will take a city bus for the outing.

Center is continuing to update their facility. The board has designated an individual who the director can work with on getting the improvements completed.

Goals for the center are to continue updating the playground equipment with adding shade on top of the equipment, put a stackable washer/dryer, and get on IQ4K. Director is also continues to update center's policies and works closely with CCRR.

Melissa feels the strengths of her program are that she has a good core of staff who are dedicated to the center; which they try and make program a home atmosphere. They have a good relationship with the children and their families. .

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Center has staff who have been with the center for several years.

Staff have good relationship with the children and their families.

Center has a Bright Wheel app to help communicate with parents of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

Good room arrangement.

Positive interaction with the children.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 2

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

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.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Please email licensing consultant by 02-28-23 confirming aspects that fall below licensing standards have been corrected.

A full license will remain in effect at this time

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.