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

Name of Center: Little Treasures **Enrollment:** 106 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50648

Street: 2035 Radford Rd **City:** Dubuque Iowa **Zip** 52002 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: 2035 Radford Rd, Dubuque, IA, 52002

Director's Name: Alexandria Rath **Phone Number:** 563-556-3800

On-Site Supervisor(s): Tammy Sprecher **E-Mail:** littletreasuresdubuque@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-28-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-30-2022

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: 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	26	13	72		111
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 06-05-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 5/28/24. 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 was present on the day of the visit and accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the visit. The approved on site supervisor for this center is Tammy Sprecher. Tammy was not present on the day of the visit. The center provides care for children age six weeks to 12 years. The program does offer 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 consists of defined 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 to three years), and a "middle room" that is described as the school-age area. The lower level includes the threes room, "pre p" room (older threes and four year old children), 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.

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.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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 participates in the local AEA program where materials can be borrowed to supplement program activities. 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.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate

indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the essentials trainings completed within the first three months of employment.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. 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.
1. Food service activities taking place next to hand washing sink in the twos room. Ensure at least 18 inches of distance between hand washing sink and any surface used for anything sanitary.

V. 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. Repair fence gate and material between the toddler and main playground areas. Chain link is unwinding in areas and may present hazard.
2. Update license posting to the current license.
3. Hand washing procedure posting is needed at sink in the twos room.
4. Ensure at least two feet of space between cots at rest time, and ensure all children have a sheet covering on their cot.
5. Phone posting is needed at the phone in the prek room.

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.

*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.