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

Name of Center: Little River Hawks **Enrollment:** 55 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51148

Street: 439 Wilson ST **City:** Miles Iowa **Zip** 52064 **County:** Jackson

Mailing Address: 439 Wilson ST, Miles, IA, 52064

Director's Name: Taylor Olson **Phone Number:** 563-682-7131

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** taylor.olson@eastonvalleycsd.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-25-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 07-18-2023

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	19	22	30	20	91
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2024 to 09-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 06-25-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 4/25/24. Taylor Olson is the center director and was present along with other staff on the day of this visit. Taylor accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the majority of the visit. This center is owned and operated by the Easton Valley School District. The center director reports to Chris Fee, the superintendent of the school district. The center occupies several rooms within the school building and offers care to children infant through school age on a year round basis including before and after school care. The center director notes that a portion of the before and after school care for school age children is now provided by a grant that is exempt from child care licensing, however, the center continues to provide child care for some school age children.

The center includes the following program rooms: Preschool room (three year old preschool, three through five year old child care), toddler room (18 months through three years), infant room (six weeks to 18 months). The center is adding the library as approved space for school age child care (up to 20 children). The center director states the library is available to the program and only the program during the center's hours of operation when needed for school age children. The center director states that the school age children will eat in the cafeteria. All program rooms provide ample space for activities. The infant and toddler rooms are bright with large windows. The preschool room includes three adjacent restroom areas (one toilet and one hand washing sink each), one diaper station within the program room, and one hand washing sink within the program room. The toddler room includes one diapering station and two hand washing sinks within the program room. Children from the toddler room have to travel next door to the preschool room to use the restroom area. The infant room includes two diapering stations and two hand washing sinks within the program room.

The center is able to use the school gymnasium for indoor large motor activities if/when it is available.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Breakfast and lunch are prepared in the school cafeteria IDPH licensed kitchen by school kitchen staff on school days. For other days the center uses a staff person who functions primarily as a cook staff for the center but is also employed with the school in the kitchen area during the school year. The center purchases this service from the school. This is by contract arrangement between the center and the school. The center purchases and prepares their snacks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The program rooms continue to provide ample space. Two of the rooms are bright with windows. The center is providing a needed service to the community. The staff were observed to be engaged with the children in program activities. Staff and child files, other required licensing documentation, and the center's written policies are generally well organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.6(6) Record checks. d. National criminal history checks (3) The child care center shall provide fingerprints to the

department of public safety prior to a person's involvement with child care at the center.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have evidence that the national record check was submitted prior to employment (staff hired 8/2020 and record check results dated 7/2023).

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 evidence of first aid certification.

CHILD FILES:
109.9(3) Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
1. _3_ provisional certificates expired and are therefore not valid. Valid certificate required to be on file at the center for child to attend the center.

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medication present without current medication authorization in the toddler room.

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 tables and countertop surface used for food preparation were not properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to the lunch in the preschool and toddler rooms. Remove clutter and items from surfaces prior to cleaning and sanitizing for all food service activities. Counter space within 18 inches of the hand washing sink shall not be used for food service activities. This has been cited previously.
2. Staff observed not always to wash hands and keep hands clean prior to and during food service activities as is required.
3. Diaper waste observed in open waste can with other materials in the restroom area.
4. Shelving units in the toddler room observed to have badly chipping paint. These should be repaired or removed and replaced. This has been noted previously.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals. Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
1. Ensure all menu items are CACFP credible. Donuts, cinnamon rolls, muffins, etc. are likely not credible. This has been noted previously.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The administrative change aspect of this report is completed to reflect the addition of the library as licensed space for school age children. The library is approved for up to 20 children at any given time. The individual maximum capacity of each licensed room is as follows:
Three year old preschool / three through five year old child care room = 30 children
Toddler room (18 months through two years, NO CRIBS) = 22 children
Nursery (zero to 18 months, CRIBS) = 19 children
Library (school age child care) = 20 children

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations now that their Exception To Policy has expired. 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. Toddler room needs development for materials and arrangement of materials to support program activities. It is recommended that the center work with their CCRR consultant on improvements.
2. Radon testing will need to be completed for the library.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections

are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. The center director shall follow up with the licensing consultant when all of the areas of concern for the outdoor play areas have been resolved. 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.