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

Name of Center: Lil' Wildcat Education Center **Enrollment:** 54 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51865

Street: 616 N Idaho ST **City:** Glidden Iowa **Zip** 51443 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: PO Box 76, Glidden, IA, 51443

Director's Name: Jordan Lawson **Phone Number:** 712-497-1069

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** lilwildcatchildcare@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-15-2025

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

Date Inspected: 06-27-2022

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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	16	12	27	15	70
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 01-23-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Lil' Wildcat Education Center on 1-15-2025. The center is located in Glidden, IA and was given permission to open by DHHS on 8/1/22. The center provides child care to children six weeks in age through 12 years. Jordan Lawson became the director in March 2023, she has several years experience working in child care and she has a BA degree and a Masters Degree in Clinical Mental Health.
There are 54 children enrolled.
I met with Jordan Lawson during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
The program rooms looked great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Five program rooms were being used on the day of my visit, the sixth room is the school age room and they were in school at the time of my visit. All program rooms were in ratio. The children were having fun participating in a variety of activities. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and nurturing. The daily sheets looked good. The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.
The rooms had lesson plans/activities.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch and snack are prepared onsite, the center employs a cook. Menus were posted. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was completed in 2023 and some rooms came back with radon test scores over 4.0 pCi/L. Radon was retested in 6-2023 to 10-2023 and the test three test scores came back under 4.0 pCi/L. Jordan reported that a radon mitigation system was installed in October 2023. Please refer to your licensing handbook for information on radon and when testing is needed in the future.
Jordan reported that the building is all electric, and therefore doesn't require a fuel burning inspection.
Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. The center follows the three step bottle procedure for sanitizing and disinfecting -
1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.
The center follows medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication.

Playground:
The center has a very nice playground area. Monthly playground safety inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services. The school bus provides transportation to school age children. The center goes on walking field trips.

Administrative records:
Staff files were read and were in good order. Child files were read and many files are missing emergency medical contact information for the dentist. The name of the dentist and the doctor and the phone numbers are required. You must have a hard copy of each child's parent/guardian emergency contact information and pick up information, emergency medical contact information for the doctor and the dentist. One child file needed a current physical. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information.
The center is overseen by a Board.
The center receives weekly services from Trisha Christensen, Early Childhood Advisor from Family Resource Center. The center also receives services from the nurse consultant Jennifer Chapman and Child Care Resource and Referral as needed. Jordan will apply for IQ4K. Monthly staff meetings are held as well as the monthly board meeting. Jordan maintains contact with staff on a daily basis.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Jordan is very enthusiastic and proud of the center, she was very organized and helpful during my licensing visit.
The center works with CCR&R, Trisha Christensen, Early Childhood Advisor from the Family Resource Center, AEA, and the child care nurse consultant.
Your center is an excellent resource for the community. The center looks great and staff had excellent interactions with the children.

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

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.
Child files were read and many files are missing emergency medical contact information for the dentist. The name of the dentist and the doctor and the phone numbers are required. You must have a hard copy of each child's parent/guardian emergency contact information and pick up information, emergency medical contact information for the doctor and the dentist. Please review all child files and have them updated with the required information.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2024 to 8-1-2026.
Off year licensing visit 1-15-2025.

An approved fire inspection will be required by 6-27-2025.

*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.