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

Name of Center: Little Roadrunner Childcare Center **Enrollment:** 114 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50631

Street: 405 E North St **City:** Truro Iowa **Zip** 50257 **County:** Madison

Mailing Address: 405 E North St, Truro, IA, 50257

Director's Name: Kristen Harris **Phone Number:** 641-765-5220

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** kharris@i-35.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 11-22-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-28-2023

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

Date Inspected: 05-24-2023

Comments : State Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years. The school/center had some corrections to make.

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.) 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	0	0	46	65	111
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 11-22-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 11/22/24. The director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Little Roadrunner Child Care Center is a center in Truro, IA that was given permission to open on 8/19/19. The center is located within the Interstate 35 Community School and they use three classrooms as well as the library and cafeteria at times. Room 431 has a capacity of 25. Room 446 has a capacity of 25. Room 433 has a capacity of 27. The library has a capacity of 34. The center serves preschool through school-age (12 years of age) children year-round using a combination of different learning curriculums. Children attend before and after school and also wrap around care (preschool children).

The center is overseen by a School Board. The center director is Kristen Harris. Kristen has a BA degree in Elementary Education has has many years of experience working in child care including being the director at another child care center in the past.

During the visit, children were observed engaged in a large motor activity being facilitated by staff and later engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up within another classroom. Children were also observed washing their hands.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Enrollment has increased significantly over the past year indicating a need in the community.

Every other month, all-staff meetings are being held.

The director has many years of experience working in child care and is organized.

Other school personnel are supportive of the program (nurse, principal, superintendent, maintenance, etc.).

Classrooms were clean and nicely decorated.

Files were again nicely organized.

The director stated she felt like she had a good group of staff who work well together. The program continues to be fully staffed. There is good retention and low turnover.

The center uses the smart app Brightwheel for further communication with parents, payments, forms, etc.

Staff use walkie talkies to communicate between different areas. The program also has a scanner in the event of an emergency.

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

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.
On the preschool playground, the under tarp/sheet is exposed in several areas and this creates a tripping hazard.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every two years and was last tested 4/8/23 - 4/10/23. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual boiler inspection was last completed on 6/20/24.

As previously noted, for transportation and field trips, the center contracts with the school district and takes a school bus.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. All staff need to have I-Power profiles and be uploading training certificates.

It is recommended outdoor playground mats be purchased and placed underneath the swings on both playgrounds. This will help preserve the surfacing (rubber mulch and wood chips).

*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.