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

Name of Center: Lil' Mustangs Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 62 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51170

Street: 309 S Lincoln ST Ste 2 **City:** George Iowa **Zip** 51237 **County:** Lyon

Mailing Address: PO BOX 404, George, IA, 51237

Director's Name: Haley Riediger **Phone Number:** 712-475-6088

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

Date(s) of Visit: 07-25-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-17-2024

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

Date Inspected: 08-04-2020

Comments : Center has rearranged rooms in the center and now occupy 7 rooms. Three infant rooms - 6 weeks to 6 months, 6 months to 15 months and 15 months to 24 months; a 2 year old room, 3 year old room, 4/5 year old room, and a school age room K-5th grade. Capacity is now 110

Also a correction made to Director's last name.

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	24	12	54	20	110
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: Jana Drew **Date:** 08-07-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 07-25-24 and spoke with Haley Spielman-Riediger. Ms Riediger(married name), was the onsite supervisor for the center and became director when the former direcotr Brooke Klaassen resigned in December 2022. Ms Riediger, has associates degree in Child Development and several years working with children. Lil' Mustangs Childcare is housed in the old elementary wing of George/Little Rock- Elementary School.

The center now has 7 classrooms(priovously 1 room was used for a large motor room-gym). The program has moved rooms again and added a room. As of 7-25-24, capacity has changed from 80 to 110. The center opened in September 2020. The George Preschool no longer has a preschool room in the daycare center which opened an additional room for the center. Center has rearranged rooms and now occupy 7 rooms. The childcare serves children ages 6 weeks to school age: Three infant rooms - 6 weeks to 6 months, 6 months to 15 months and 15 months to 24 months; a 2 year old room, 3 year old room, 4/5 year old room, and a school age room K-5th grade. Capacity is now 110. The childcare operates Monday through Friday 6am to 6pm.

There are 62 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 28 children present. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. Children have access to bathrooms. Daily schedule of activities was posted. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. On June 23, the center experienced flooding in their area. Although the center did not have any water inside the center their playground was under water/sewage for about 10 days. The center has not used the playground as they have not been able to clean/disinfect the play equipment. The city still only has 1 working well so they are still suppose to conserve water. They are hoping for the conserving of water to be lifted and be able to clean the playground. In the meantime children have been playing in a grassy area just outside the center.

The childcare center has the following areas throughout the rooms for the children to explore and learn: puzzles, shelf toys. blocks, house, dress up, legos and library. Daily schedule of activities was posted. amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Children have access to bathrooms and sinks. Displayed throughout the room were shapes. cartoon pictures, pictures of children in various activities and the alphabet. Observed the staff assisting children with activities, playing with the children, talking with the children throughout the day, and sitting at tables or on the floor with the children.

The program had applied for the Riverboat foundation grant to do an infant playground and a playground for 2 and up children which they received. The playground is inof adding a shade structure. Their is a public gym that is in an area of the childcare which the center has put in a security door so the public do not have access to the center for safety reasons. High Schoolers from George High School also use the fitness room and will have limited access to the child care.

Refrigerator is clean and at appropriate temperature. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition, however, they are not currently on the food program. The center provides breakfast and snacks and lunches are prepared by the George/Little Rock school district. Menus were posted. The center is working on getting on the food program. The program may also be looking at doing lunches if they expand their kitchen.

Medication is stored in a lock box. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit are sufficient to handle minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon tests were completed and where high in some of the rooms. The center has contacted a mitigator. Furnace inspection was not available at the time of the visit. Good sanitary procedures are followed. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

The center has a large grassy area for the playground. Surface is poured rubber surface along with climbing structures. The center has a toddler playground separate from the older kids. A additional shade structure will also be installed but has'nt yet. The childcare program will also share with the 2-5 year old playground with the preschool program. Monthly playground inspection was completed. Shade is available on the playground.

The center does walking field trips and field trips that they use a school bus. The school agers have gone to variety of activities within the community and a few places in Sioux Falls, SD. They have also taken some of the 3 year olds on field trips. Some of the field trips they walked to the pool, library, or to the park.

Goals of the program is to complete their application for the IQ4K program, get playground cleaned from the flood for the kids to use, and looking for a new director by spring of 2025. Center is updating the old preschool room to be used for 2 year old room.

Strengths of the program is that the program is flexible with families and staff to accommodate and provide quality care. Staff wages increased. They have the support of the school, community, and parents that they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center raisies money for new playground equipment, curriculum, toys, and supplies.

Center uses pro-care app to communicate with parents as well as email and facebook page.

Center is organized.

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture in all the rooms.

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

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.

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.
Information lacking: Information was missing

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide a written response that items needing corrected have been completed by 08-31-24.

It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR for support. It is also recommended for office assistants to review the Licensing and Binder power points.

A full license is recommended 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.