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

Name of Center: 100 Acre Woods Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 58 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25854

Street: 805 Guthrie ST **City:** De Soto Iowa **Zip** 50069 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: PO Box 536, De Soto, IA, 50069

Director's Name: Amanda Grems (formerly Sharp) **Phone Number:** 515-834-9214

On-Site Supervisor(s): Maggie Roschel **E-Mail:** 100awkids@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-10-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-03-2025

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

Date Inspected: 07-15-2022

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years. The center is due again this month. The director has a call into the State Office to get this scheduled.

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	14	13	20	15	62
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2025 to 08-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 07-11-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing inspection visit was conducted on 7/10/25. The director, Amanda Grems, 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.

100 Acre Woods in located along a main highway in De Soto, IA. The center's owners are Todd and Traci Vorpahl. Amanda Grems is the center director as of 6/17/19. Amanda has worked in child care for several years and has taken enough training to be a director. The on-site supervisor as of 6/2025 is now Maggie Roschel. Maggie has an AA degree as well as past experience working in child care.

The center serves children ages six weeks to 12 years in age and they utilize the Kaplin Learn Every Day Learning Curriculum as well as the Creative Learning Curriculum in their teachings. There are six classrooms total between the main and lower levels of the center.

During the visit, children, most of the children were napping on cots. Cot spacing was sufficient. Lighting while napping was sufficient. School-age children were on a field trip. One infant child was being held while being bottle fed. One infant was napping in a crib, one infant was being held by staff, and another infant was awake and sitting on the floor.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

There is a secure entrance into the center. Parents are given a code. All other visitors have to ring a doorbell for entrance.

There is an intercom system throughout the center. The center also has a security camera system in place in classrooms and the outdoor playground areas.

The center has a lot of extra storage space.

The center works regularly with AEA, CCR&R, and their nurse consultant.

Monthly staff meetings are held.

Enrollment remains steady.

Within the past year, the center has added new playground fencing and some new kitchen appliances.

The center has a new preschool teacher who has a teaching degree for their preschool program in the Fall.

The center participates in Smile Squad where a dentist comes to the center for teeth cleaning and screening.

The director continues to feel that she had a good mix of tenured and new staff. Staff reportedly work well with each other.

The center uses the smart phone app, Playground for many of their forms and another way to communicate with parents.

The center employs a full-time cook.

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

109.9(2)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7.
There were several immunization records that were not signed/dated.

109.11(2)b: Program space must meet the following conditions: Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all children who nap. Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing must be maintained. The center will have sufficient toilet articles for each child for hand washing.
There was one couch in the four/five year old classroom that is torn and should be removed.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last conducted 8/9/22 - 8/12/22. All classrooms came back with radon levels 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 HVAC unit was last inspected in 3/2025.

It was previously noted that he center does walking only field trips for younger children. Children four and older can go on field trips away from the center. The center has a van that they use for field trips. The van has regular maintenance performed.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. Staff will need to upload their annual professional development training hours to their I-Power profiles. The center has had some more conversations in regards to starting the IQ4K process with their CCR&R consultant.

Staff will need to monitor and position the movable Little Tyke structures so that at least six feet fall zones are being met when in use.

It was noted one child immunization needs to be transferred over to a State of Iowa approved form.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.