Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Shining Stars Child Development Ctr II

Provider No.: 27697

Address: 5400 Jennifer DR, Pleasant Hill, IA, 50327

County: Polk

Director's Name: Randi Nihsen

On-Site Supervisor: Kilah McDonald

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HHS Visit Date: 09/23/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2026 to 09/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/10/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 4

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	28	12	64	30	134
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Shining Stars Child Development Center II opened on September 2005. The center provides child care services for children ages infancy through school age. The center is located in a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. Amanda Doyle and Diana Marquardt are the owners of the center. Randi Naeve is the director. Randi has been the director since January 2021. Randi was employed at the center prior to being director. Kilah McDonald is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Current enrollment is 100. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies. Labeled interest centers are in the classrooms for children starting in the walkers classroom. The classrooms schedules are posted by each classroom. Current lesson plans were posted by classrooms. The center has children's artwork displayed in hallways and classrooms.

Randi assisted with today's visit. The infant classroom had eleven infants present. Three staff were working in this room. The toddlers had eleven children in attendance. Four staff were working with this group. There were twelve children in the 2's. Two staff were working in this classroom. Seven children were present in the 3's. One staff was working in this room. The 4/5's class had nineteen children present. There were two staff working with this group. The school age classroom wasn't in operation today.
Children were observed in their classrooms and outdoors on the playgrounds. Staff were observed to be actively engaged with the children throughout the visit. Staff were standing in different areas on the playgrounds, which helps with providing good supervision.

The center gets lunch from Shining Stars Child Development Center I. The center prepares their own breakfast and snacks.

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The center participates with the federal food program. Breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack are served. Menus are on a four week rotation.

The center has three playgrounds. There is a playground for toddlers, for children ages 2's - 3's, and 4's and up. The playgrounds have rubber tile for surfacing, grass and concrete. There are some climbing structures, riding toys and many outdoor play toys. The center has completed playground checks monthly.

The center owns a few vans, which are used for school transportation and field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center participates in IQ4K. The center has a four star rating. Administrative records are well maintained. The center has a few playground areas, separated by age groups. The center has a video security system in place that observes all classrooms and the playgrounds.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited today.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

Date: 09/28/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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