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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: New Day Child Care Center

Provider No.: 51245

Address: 1330 Spruce Hills Dr, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

County: Scott

Director's Name: Erin Allender

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 01/07/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2025 to 02/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/11/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		17	44	9	70
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit occurred at this center on 1/7/26. The center is owned and operated by Emerge QC, though it is described as a separate entity from the church. The center is governed by a voluntary board of church members. The center pays for its own utilities, but it does occupy space within the church building. Some of the space is also shared with the church during the hours the center is not operating. Erin Allender is the qualified center director. Erin is qualified having worked at the center prior to becoming the center director and having worked at a previous licensed child care center for many years. Erin also has a community college diploma in Early Childhood Education. Erin accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the licensing visit. The center serves children age two through school age. School age care is offered during the summer only. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center includes the following program rooms on the lowest level of the center: Beehive room (three year old children), ant hill room (22 months through three year old children), otter den room (extra play room, previously school age or three/four year old room), and bunny burrow room (three and four year old children). A room called the "jump room" is also on this level which is a small room is used for various small groups of children (max capacity of six children) as breakout space for large motor activity. The lama hut room is located on the upper level of the building and is used for four and five year old children. Program rooms are generally well supplied with plenty of accessible materials to support program needs. All children have to travel to use the restroom areas located in the hallway areas on both floors. The ant hill, beehive, and otter den rooms include a diaper station within the program room. All program rooms include at least one hand washing sink with the exception of the jump room.

The center uses portions of the "sanctuary" that is sectioned off during the center's hours of operation located on the upper level for indoor large motor space. There are two separate sectioned areas of space that are used and an area that is

sectioned off and not used by the center within this space. The center will need to ensure the areas used meet licensing requirements prior to each use.

All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. The center serves a morning snack, then a later breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Meals and snacks are prepared on site in the center's main floor kitchen area (shared with the church) by the cook employed by the center. The kitchen appears clean and is highly organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center continues to be managed well. The center reports a supportive relationship with the church. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities throughout the center, and the children appeared to be enjoying their child care experience. The staff and center director appear to continue to work well together. Program rooms are colorful and bright with windows and are well supplied and organized. The center director reports that the center has had some new windows installed and has painted some of the interior of the building since the last licensing visit. The center uses a web based application to document daily information for the parents of all of the children. The center's licensing binder is organized. The center is using a tracking system for staff and child file requirements, and staff and child files were found to be organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(1)
1. _1_ staff file reviewed first aid and cpr certification was not completed within the first three months of employment.

109.9(1)a
1. _2_ staff files reviewed Iowa record check (SING) was not completed prior to the staff involvement with child care as is required.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed national record check was not completed timely as required.

109.12(1)
1. Current activity plan was needed for the ant hill room.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

The center had previously requested to use an additional small room on the upper level of the building as additional break out space for small groups of children. The center was to follow up with the licensing consultant with fire inspector approval of this space. Once received the licensing consultant would respond with approval and maximum capacity of this room. The center director reports at this visit that there is not a plan for the room to be used at this time. Please follow up with the licensing consultant on this prior to using the room if plans change.

1. Update posted schedules to ensure all snack and meal times show accurately.
2. Label diaper waste can for this material only in the upstairs restroom.
3. Diaper station in the otter den room will need a soapy water spray bottle (labeled for the diaper station only) if it is to be used. Also, do not store wipes and gloves out on the diaper station. Materials for each diaper change shall be obtained prior to starting the diaper change.
4. Increase lighting at rest time in the beehive room.

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5. Ensure children wash hands immediately prior to each meal/snack and travel directly to the table for every program room.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the concerns noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 02/05/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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