Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kids Zone-Center Point

Provider No.: 42659

Address: 101 Palo Road, Center Point, IA, 52213

County: Linn

Director's Name: Debra Hansen

On-Site Supervisor: Debra Hansen

Phone Number: 3195513222

E-Mail: shae1015@aol.com

HHS Visit Date: 03/09/2026

Licensing Period: 03/01/2026 to 03/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/29/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [ ] Full
- [X] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			0	60	60
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Kids Zone - Center Point has been in operation for several years. Kids Zone- Center Point is located inside Center Point Primary School which is part of the Center Point - Urbana Community School District. Kids Zone - Center Point is a profit program offering licensed childcare M-F 6:00am-6:00pm to school-age children outside of school hours. Total enrolled and attending children were reported to be 53 on 3/9/2026.

Owner and combined director/on-site supervisor is Debra Hansen. Ms. Hansen has been the owner and director since January of 2010. Ms. Hansen has an AA Liberal Arts degree and much experience working with children.

On 3/9/2026, program space was observed. Primary programming continues to occur in Room #411 and an open "pod" space outside that room. The program has some access to the school gymnasium and outdoor school playground. Sufficient restrooms including hand washing sinks are available to accommodate total capacity. When school is in session, children have the ability to participate in school breakfast and school lunch. The school kitchen is inspected at least annually by the health department. When school is not in session, all children bring a lunch from home. Kids Zone - Center Point provides all snacks and has space in Room #411 for snack food storage. On 3/9/2026, activities observed included afterschool gathering, snack rituals, and outdoor large gross motor play. Curriculum allowed for a variety of experiences that were observed to pique child interest as well as encourage social emotional growth, innovation, good sportsmanship, the use of social graces and child choice. On the day of the monitoring visit, staff engaged in activities with the children and used positive redirection when needed. Children appeared comfortable with staff and to be enjoying their childcare experiences.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The goal of Kids Zone - Center Point is "...to provide a safe, fun, environment for your child before and after school and throughout the summer..."

Kids Zone - Center Point sponsors a private social media page.

The program's owner/director is Ms. Hansen. Ms. Hansen is a local entrepreneur invested in the Center Point and surrounding communities. Ms. Hansen is knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as her own program's policies and procedures. On 3/9/2026, licensing and Ms. Hansen again reviewed organizational strategies to help ensure administrative items are completed as required and maintained in a confidential manner on-site. Ms. Hansen discussed having several new employees who started in the fall and who are high school students.

On 3/9/2026, Kids Zone- Center Point was found to have an area for required postings as well as other information. Curriculum continues to support literacy activities including time for daily homework when needed and a daily summer

reading program. Ms. Hansen discussed how the program's curriculum also incorporates on-site guest speaker events, off-site field trips, theme days and seasonal/holiday celebrations.

As of 3/9/2026, Kids Zone - Center Points continues to have and update as needed policies and procedures that include those for safety, daily health checks, hand washing, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting. On 3/9/2026, Ms. Hansen acknowledged how her team of staff continue to help ensure the children's space is sanitary and hazard free each day by following their policies and procedures. Ms. also acknowledged having support from CCR&R as needed, the local CCNC as needed, and the school (e.g. executive school district personnel, school board, school kitchen staff, school administration, school maintenance, school custodial team) as to daily building and grounds conditions and repairs. There is an AED on-site.

Kids Zone - Center Point continues to have emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. The program successfully navigated through flooding events (2008 historic Linn County flood), 2019 winter Polar Vortex, 2019 health (covid-19) pandemic, 8/10/20 Derecho Storm, 2021 food supply issues, 2022 infant formula shortages, air quality alerts (2023, 2025), and repeated technology outages (7/19/24 global technology outage, 10/10/2025 AWS outage, 10/29/2025 Microsoft outage).

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
- Five staff files (PB, CE, DH, E, C) reviewed lacked documentation of a current or any Iowa record check result.

109.6(4)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
- Six staff files (PB, SW, CE, DH, E, C) reviewed lacked documentation of a current or any federal record check result.

109.8(2): Ratio maintained in center as required.
- Staff allowed children to leave the outdoor playground (located a distance from the entrance/exit door) to access the school building alone. Licensing and Ms. Hansen discussed how this also violates Rule 109.10(14)a regarding staff providing careful supervision. Children shall be in ratio and provided careful supervision at all times. When accessing school hallways, restrooms, etc., staff shall either accompany the child each and every time or position themselves in a manner to see and hear the child going to and from the area primary programming is occurring.
- Face-to-name checks, attendance and/or child counting is not being done as the entire group tries to transition from one area to another particularly noted when moving from Room #411, to the pod and outdoors. There were some children left in each area out of ratio and without careful supervision.

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
- Six staff files reviewed (PB, SW, CE, DH, E, C) lacked documentation of a current or any physical exam.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
- Four staff files reviewed (PB, CE, E, C) both paper and ipower lacked documentation of any training including the training that is required within the first 90 days of hire.
- Two staff files reviewed (SW, DH) both paper and ipower lacked documentation of any current training except first-aid and CPR.

109.10(7): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips (away from the center).
- Replenish first-aid supplies and clean out the first-aid bag.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
- Children were observed to arrive to the program and engage in snack. Not all children were encouraged to hand wash prior to food service. Children were allowed to stand and walk around while eating.

- While on the outdoor playground, one child reported seeing another child eat dirt. Staff did address this acknowledging the child eats dirt and other strange items often but did not complete a written incident report.
- A child (BD) is enrolled with a known special health need. There was no documentation a written care plan for this child (including condition, cares needed, when the cares are to be given, possible complications, possible side effects, any required interventions, what to do if there's an emergency regarding the special health need).
- There is an area of single-axis swings with no cushion surfacing underneath on the outdoor playground. Licensing has repeatedly provided consultation regarding the concerns of using such equipment with no cushion surfacing underneath. On 3/9/2026, children were again observed using the single-axis swings with no cushion surfacing underneath.

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

Within 90 days of receipt of this report, please send licensing one complete written corrective action plan that includes how each of the above rule violations were fully corrected.

It has been noted that on 3/11/2026, Ms. Hansen corresponded with licensing stating some changes had already been made since the annual inspection on 3/9/2026. Ms. Hansen indicated there are now two different laminated child name lists to be able to mark off the children as they leave when we are on the playground or in the gym. Ms. Hansen reported they will begin taking group restroom and drink breaks when on the outdoor playground rather than allowing a child or children to go by themselves back into the school building alone. Ms. Hansen also reported staff will hand wash more frequently especially if monitoring snack time as well as encourage all children to hand wash before food service. These noted items shall also be included in the one written corrective action plan submitted to licensing.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Continue to collaborate with the school district regarding maintenance of the outdoor playground (e.g. adequate cushion surface depth, chipping/rusting equipment, power washing of outdoor equipment). If areas of the outdoor playground become unsatisfactory, the childcare shall refrain from accessing those areas until remedies are made.

A doorbell-camera entry system is strongly recommended as the program is a distance from the childcare's assigned main entry and exit door.

_____

Due primarily to the lack of staff files (e.g. record checks, completed trainings, physical exams), the program's license has changed to provisional status. Thank you for the visit.

This report was edited to reflect a 2 year licensing period. The provisional, which can last no longer than one year was initiated on 3/25/2026.
The licensing period is accurately reflected in this report to be 3/1/26 - 3/1/28. The provisional status was initiated as of 3/25/2026. Upon resolution an addendum will be written and a new licensing certificate will be distributed.

Date: 03/25/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons

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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.