Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: The Children's Center

Provider No.: 14171

Address: 306 S Vine ST, Jefferson, IA, 50129

County: Greene

Director's Name: Haley Wiggins

On-Site Supervisor: Anna Subbert

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HHS Visit Date: 06/17/2026

Licensing Period: 07/01/2025 to 07/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 03/31/2026

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years. The center will be due for another inspection in early 2026.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] 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	31	17	57	43	148
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 6/17/26. The director was present throughout the inspection as was the pending assistant director.

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.

The Children's Place, formerly known as the Greene County Early Learning Center, is a child care center located in Jefferson, IA. The center moved into a brand new building near the previous location in September 2022. The center opened in 2005 and serves children ages two weeks in age to 12 years in age utilizing a combination of different learning curriculums. There are a total of seven classrooms. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 113 children.

Square footage capacity of the seven classrooms in the new building are as followed: 11, 10, 10 (toddler, infant, second infant room); 17 (two year old room); 23 (three year old room); 34 (four and five year old room); and 43 (school-age/swing room).

The center is overseen by a Board. Haley Wiggins is the director of this program. Haley was previously the assistant director. Haley has past experience working in child care which includes past experience working in a classroom at this program. Anna Subbert is the new on-site supervisor as of 10/2025. Lyndsie Scheurmann is a pending on-site supervisor.

NUTRITION: The center serves breakfast, lunch, and a PM snack to children. The center has a kitchen. The center

employs a full-time cook and a kitchen assistant. Meals are posted for the week and all meal items met CACFP requirements. Children eat in their classrooms at the child-size tables and chairs. All food storage observed was sufficient.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: It was previously noted that the center primarily takes walking field trips around the surrounding area. If a field trip is schedule that is not within walking distance, the center contacts with the school district for a driver and bus. For all field trips, children's emergency contacts and a first-aid kit are taken along.

PLAYGROUND: The center has two playgrounds (one is brand new) for children to use based on their ages. Both areas have climbing structures. Field turf is used for surfacing around the fall zones. There are sidewalk areas for riding toys. Trees and the building itself as well as the equipment provide shade. Monthly playground checks are being conducted.

During the inspection, the school-age children were not present as they were on a field trip. Many of the other children were napping in cribs (infants) or cots (12 months of age and older). Some infant children were awake and engaged in free-choice play with the learning stations made available to them. Infant teachers were sitting on the floor interacting with children. Staff in several classrooms gave specific answers when questioned as to where they go for monthly fire and tornado drills. Toys and other classroom equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily as required.

For more challenging child behaviors, there are regular meetings (monthly) held on this topic and more so if needed. Specific plans of action are formulated for ongoing behaviors for children and their staff and children's parents. Communication between all parties and other involved agencies is stressed. Teamwork between parties/staff is also stressed. Staff are taught to ask for assistance when they may be feeling overwhelmed.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center moved into a brand new building in September of 2023. There are new playgrounds and the center also has a built in generator for any weather/power failure events.

The center participates in the food program (CACFP) .

The center utilizes the electronic app, Brightwheel, for increased communication with parents, daily sheets, etc.

The director has her NAEYC accreditation/membership.

The center provides a certain brand of formula to infants free of charge at parents requests.

The center participates in IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

The director has an opportunity to participate in roughly quarterly director meetings in the surrounding area and/or does touch base with other area directors for additional support.

There is a secure entrance into the program. Security cameras are also in place.

There continues to be a good mix of tenured and new staff. The directors feel that overall, staff work well together. Staff pictures are also posted by the entrances to classrooms.

The Board is supportive.

There is a staff lounge and lactation room for mothers.

Enrollment remains steady.

A radon mitigation system was installed in 2025.

The center looked and smelled clean throughout the building.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(1): All staff (within first three months of employment):Iowa's training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions. Certification in 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, (Essentials) approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
ONE NEWER STAFF MEMBER IS WELL PAST DUE FOR GETTING SOME OF THE ABOVE COMPLETED. THIS STAFF PERSON HAS UNTIL THE END OF JUNE 2026 TO GET CAUGHT UP IN ORDER TO REMAIN WORKING AT THE CENTER.

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.
One staff member is past due for CPR/First-Aid re-certification.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
One child was missing a current physical. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

109.9(2)j: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
One school-age child was missing the annual health statement form signed/dated by the parents.

109.10(1): Medications: The center shall have written procedures for dispensing, storage, and authorization, and recording of all prescription and non-prescription medications. Staff must be over 18 to administer medication.All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name. For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given. For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription. Staff shall not provide medications to a child if pre-service/orientation training for medication management has not been completed.
A Food Allergy Action plan for one child could not be located on the day of the inspection.

109.10(13)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
October, November, and December of 2025 fire and tornado drills were not recorded. IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS WAS UNDER THE PREVIOUS DIRECTOR WHO IS NO LONGER WITH THE CENTER. THIS IS ALSO A REPEAT ISSUE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR WHEN THAT SAME DIRECTOR WAS PRESENT.

109.11(8)a: Centers built before 1978: Assessment and plan for remedy of lead paint hazard is conducted.
Radon testing was reportedly done again 9/26/25 - 9/29/25, but the results could not be located on the day of the inspection.

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

The center has made improvements from the inspection in 2025. The below standards identified at this year's inspection should be corrected before next year's inspection.

The staff member behind on the initial training will need to have these completed by end of June 2026 to remain working in a classroom.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing was reportedly completed 9/26/25 - 9/29/25, however results could not be located. It was previously noted that:
Radon testing was last conducted 11/10/23 - 11/14/23. All but one classroom came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. The center is working with a radon mitigation specialist about the room that came back higher than 4.0. Because there was one classroom that came back with radon levels higher than the 4.0 cutoff, the center will remain on an every two year testing period for now.
THE CENTER HAS CONTINUED TO WORK WITH A RADON MITIGATION SPECIALIST. A RADON MITIGATION SYSTEM IS BEING INSTALLED ON 8/12/25. THE CENTER WILL RETEST AFTER THIS IS INSTALLED. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO TEST LABOR DAY WEEKEND OR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. ALL CLASSROOMS SHOULD BE RETESTED AND LEVELS NEED TO BE BELOW THE 4.0 CUTOFF. FOR THE TIME BEING, THE CENTER WILL REMAIN ON A TWO-YEAR TEST TIMEFRAME.

The last annual heating/cooling inspection was completed in 12/2025.

I - Power was again discussed at the inspection visit. Several staff need to upload annual training into their I - Power profiles.

The most current monthly playground form was again sent to the center.

The most current diapering procedures posting was again emailed to the center.

The CACFP app was again discussed at the inspection.

It was noted that there is a work order in to repair part of the playground fence that was damaged by a recent storm.

The director is again due for fingerprinting.

Tyler Lowmiller will need to complete the director form to be considered for assistant director and send back to this consultant for review. If approved, then Tyler can also request this role in I - Power. The same holds true for Lyndsie Scheuermann and the on-site supervisor form and then I -Power. These things were discussed at the inspection.

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Date: 06/19/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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**.