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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Traditions Children's Center II Bldg 200

Provider No.: 25468

Address: 490 S 51st ST , West Des Moines, IA, 50265

County: Polk

Director's Name: Kristen Netteland

On-Site Supervisor: Haley Fleuter

Phone Number: 5153270008

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HHS Visit Date: 10/13/2026

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/14/2026

Comments: West Des Moines Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years per licensing regulations. The City of West Des Moines typically does annual inspections.

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 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	7:00 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	16	18	45	47	126
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspections was conducted on 10/13/26. The owner/director 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.

Traditions II, Building 200 is located next door to Traditions II, Building 100. All of the Traditions Centers are owned by Bonnie Netteland and her children, including Kristen Netteland. This center serves children ages six weeks in age through 12 years old. The director of this center as well as the center next door (Traditions Two Building 100) is now Kristen Netteland. Kristen has been an owner of the Traditions Centers for many years and was also once a director. Kristen has a BA degree and a Law degree. Hayley Fleuter is the on-site supervisor. Hayler meets the requirements for on-site supervisor based on her experience and training. There are a total of six classrooms, but only two are currently in use. The middle area of the center is open and used by school-age children. The center uses their own curriculum based off of other curriculums teachers have used in the past. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 13 children.

NUTRITION: The center has a full kitchen and provides an AM snack, lunch, and a PM snack to children daily. The center will also serve breakfast to children as a courtesy if parents bring in cereal for children who arrive earlier in the morning. The food menu is posted for the week and met CACFP requirements. The food menu rotates roughly every four weeks. All food storage was sufficient. There appeared to be a more minor spill recently in the kitchen freezer, so this will need to be wiped clean.

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TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center owns several buses. These are used to transport school-age children to/from the center and school as well as for field trips. Parents sign/date field trip authorization annually for field trips taken throughout the year. For all transportation needs, a first-aid kit and children's emergency contacts are taken along. Regular maintenance is performed on the vehicles.

PLAYGROUND: The two buildings share the middle section of the playground. The playground has an upper level and a lower level. Both sections contain climbing structures and swings. Wood chips are used for surfacing around the fall zones of the swings and climbing structures and outdoor playground mats are also placed at the bottom of slides and under swings. Most likely because of the amount of rainfall as of late, there are some thistles along the back fence line of the lower level that will need to be pulled. The gate in the back corner of the lower level playground area will also need to have some bolts cut/capped so that no more than two threads are showing. There are trees that provide shade. Monthly playground inspections are being conducted.

During the inspection, only an infant child was present as school-age children were in school. Fire and tornado drills were discussed as was cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of classrooms. No issues were noted with any of these topics as they are being done consistently and sufficiently. The school-age classroom had an AM and a PM schedule posted, but still need a full-day schedule. If windows are open, they need to have screens.

For more challenging child behaviors, the company as a whole tries to combat this by dividing children into smaller groups. Communication and teamwork are also stressed between staff, staff and children, and staff and parents. Staff often times will discuss situations and how to handle them to their best of their abilities and/or learn from past situations. Positive guidance and redirection is practiced and a reward system is also utilized for children for positive behaviors in the form of special activities at the end of the week.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

All of the Traditions and Clive centers are overseen by the same owners. Therefore, they share the same policies and procedures handbooks, staff (if needed), etc. which creates continuity.

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

There center is a secure entrance. All parents have their own code. All visitors have to ring a doorbell to gain access into the main center area.

The center utilizes the Pro-Care system for parents signing their child in/out of the center as well as for staff.

The annual child update forms used by the centers have been used by this consultant in the past as an example for other centers.

There are monthly staff meetings held at the center. In addition, all of the directors at the Traditions centers and Clive Children Centers have monthly meetings with the owner and/or executive director (some variations currently to this with several staff out for various personal reasons).

Individual lesson plans are practiced for children in the infant room.

The director is organized. The director has worked for the company for a number of years. She is also an owner.

The director believes she has a good staff who work well together.

Many of last year's recommendations have been implemented over the past year.

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3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
If windows are open, they need to have screens on them. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

109.11(4)a: Center must have safe outdoor program area adjacent to the center, with sufficient square footage to accommodate at least 30 percent of the enrollment capacity at any one time at 75 spear feet per child. Outdoor space must: Be free from litter and unsafe materials and free from contamination by the drainage or ponding of sewage or storm water. Include safe play equipment and an area of shade. Include fencing to protect from bodies of water or vehicular traffic.
1. The lower level playground gate in the corner of the playground will need to have several bolts cut/capped so that no more than two threads are showing.
2. There are several thistles growing along the lower level back fence that will need to be pulled.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
In the School-Age area, a full-day schedule was missing on the day of the inspection.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center tested for radon 9/23/22 - 9/26/22. Radon levels came back 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. RADON TESTING WILL AGAIN BE DUE IN 9/2027.

The annual furnace inspection on file was from 9/28/26.

As mentioned in past years' visits, screens are still needed first for several windows should classrooms want to open the windows and let fresh air in when weather permits.

I - Power was discussed at the inspection. It appears all staff have I - Power profiles and training certificates are being uploaded.

IQ4K was discussed at the inspection. The owner/director has a plan to participate in this voluntary program based on best practice in the future.

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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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**.