Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Casey's General Stores Child Development Center

Provider No.: 27745

Address: 1 SE Convenience Blvd, Ankeny, IA, 50021

County: Polk

Director's Name: Chris Moulden

On-Site Supervisor: Pam Aagesen

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HHS Visit Date: 04/24/2026

Licensing Period: 05/01/2026 to 05/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 01/08/2026

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Ankeny Fire Dept Lt Tyson Hood

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	6:45 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:45 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:45 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:45 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:45 AM to 5:30 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	26	20	66	14	126
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was competed 4/24/26. The Director was present throughout the visit.

This program is located in the Casey's corporate office building and has been in existence since 1990. They offer care for children whose parents or grandparents work for Casey's. These family members will often stop down at the center to see their children. This is especially nice for parents of newborns. Chris Moulden has been the director since 1994. She has a degree in Elementary Ed. Pam Aagensen has been the assistant director since 2000. She has her degree in Early Childhood.

The hours of operation are 6:45 am-5:30 pm. Care is offered to infants and children up to age five. During the summer they will offer care to a small group of school age children.

Room observations/activities: This program utilizes Start Teach and Creative Curriculum/Gold for lesson planning and offers an application (Tadpoles) to communicate with parents. The classrooms were observed to offer a good variety of toys and play centers; and were very nicely organized. The children were content and were eating lunch family style in their classrooms during this visit. Staff were interactive and eating with the children as well.

Nutrition Practices: There is an on-site kitchen/cafeteria that is shared with Casey's cooperate employee's. Professional staff prepares meals/snacks and this is brought to the center on a food cart. This center offers breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snacks.

Playground: This playground offers a variety of age appropriate play structures with a Casey's theme. The playground is enclosed by commercial chain link (more profuse netting to prevent climbing) and is surfaced with artificial turf. There is

shade provided by the play structures and the building. The playground is adjacent to a water feature that often is frequented by Geese; but the fencing provides secure separation from the water and while life.

Transportation: Occasional use of a Casey's cooperate van takes place, usually during the summer for school-age children; this vehicle is maintained by Casey's cooperate maintenance staff.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Many of the staff are long term employees at this center. Over half of the staff have a degree in Elementary Education or Early Childhood. The few staff who do not have a college degree have several years of experience working in the field of child care.

There are staff pictures and profiles outside of the classrooms.

The Director has been with the center for 30 years and brings valuable experience and strong leadership to the center.

Both Chris and Pam have taught Early Childhood classes for students at DMACC.

The communication between the teachers is strong and the teachers/staff work well together. The staff are professional and they are passionate about providing quality child care and education to the children they serve.

The center has a strong reputation in the community and is known for providing quality of care.

The children are ready for kindergarten both academically and socially.

The communication between the center and parents is strong. The center sends out a monthly newsletter as well.

The center has a secure entrance.

The center uses Heartland AEA as a resource and a support.

The center receives strong support from the Casey's corporation.

The director focuses on the successes of the staff and talks with them about their goals and what they need for support.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects identified that fall below standard.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing is now due every five years if testing is under the 4.0 cutoff. The last radon testing was completed in May of 2022 and due again in May of 2027.

The center has the heating/cooling system inspected and checked monthly.

The menus reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with the center director their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The director shared that she seeks out trainings for staff

with behavior management interventions options. The director, and assistant director along with other team members are often working together to address when a challenging behavioral concerns, if they arise.

Date: 05/04/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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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