

**Iowa Department of Human Services**  
**CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE**

**Name of Center:** Wildcat ABC Child Care **Enrollment:** 120 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27183

**Street:** 405 School ST **City:** Carlisle **Iowa** **Zip** 50047 **County:** Warren

**Mailing Address:** 405 School ST, Carlisle, IA, 50047

**Director's Name:** Mandi Shaffer **Phone Number:** 515-989-3972

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Crystal Kruse **E-Mail:** wildcatabcchildcare@yahoo.com

**Date(s) of Visit:**

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

**LICENSING VISITS**

**New Application** **Re-Application** X **NA**

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-01-2024

**FIRE INSPECTION** X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

**Date Inspected:** 06-26-2023

**Comments :** 9/6/23 date of compliance  
2/20/24 - new addition

**LICENSE TYPE:** X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

**Financial Type:** Profit X Non-Profit NA

**Accreditation:** Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

**Program Serves:** Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

**HOURS:** Year-round School-Year Summer Only

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|------------------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|----------|
| General          |         |         |           | 185        | 185      |
| Summer           |         |         |           |            | 0        |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:</b> |                                                   |
| X                                  | <b>FULL</b> license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026 |
|                                    | <b>PROVISIONAL</b> license from                   |
|                                    | <b>DENIAL</b> of initial application              |
|                                    | <b>SUSPENSION</b> of license                      |
|                                    | <b>REVOCATION</b> of license                      |

Licensing Consultant:

Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

Date:

08-22-2024

**I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Wildcat ABC has been in operation since 1990. The center is located in the Carlisle Methodist Church and the center is governed by the church board. The center occupies several classrooms within the church. The center provides child care for school age children. Mandi has been the director since December 2007. Mandi has a BA in Human Resources Management. Mandi was the assistant director prior to becoming the director. Crystal is the on site supervisor. She has been employed with the center since 2012.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed today. Mandatory postings are in place in the office. Lesson plans/schedules are posted in classrooms. Each classroom is supplied with games, toys, arts/crafts and learning materials.

Crystal was present and she assisted with today's visit. Fourteen staff were working at the time of the visit. Eighty six children were present. There was a group of fifty children in the sanctuary for Bible lesson with six staff. The rest of the children were in classrooms in the new addition. Children were playing group games, small group and individual activities.

The center uses a spacious kitchen. Children eat in the Family Life Center. The center participates in the federal food program. During the summer months, the center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. During the school year, the center serves breakfast and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation. Children eat in the

The center has an outdoor play area for the children but generally uses the school's playground, which is located across the street.

For off site field trips, the center contracts with the school bus for transportation.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Mandi has been the director of this program for many years. The on site supervisor has been been employed with the child care center for many years also. The center benefits from their experience and leadership. The new addition is spacious and has classrooms that are well supplied with toys and age appropriate furnishings.

**IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:**

There were no licensing violations cited today.

## **V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center has a full license.

\*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email [mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) ) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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