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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Central Cares Inc

Provider No.: 24253

Address: 501 6th St, Coralville, IA, 52241

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Tammy Osterhaus

On-Site Supervisor: Sara Nehring and Brianne Arnold

Phone Number: 3195306287

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HHS Visit Date: 06/29/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2026 to 06/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/24/2025

Comments: Does Comply

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 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			20	115	135
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at Central Cares Inc - 24253 on 6/29/26 for their annual visit. The center is located inside of Central Elementary School. The center uses two classrooms, the multipurpose room, gym, kitchen and office. They provide care for preschool to school aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 5:30pm. Before School Care may be offered if there is a need.

The director is Tammy Osterhaus. Tammy started with Central Cares in 1995. Tammy has a bachelor's degree in Therapeutic Recreation with an emphasis in People with Disabilities.

The onsite supervisors are Sara Nehring and Brianne Arnold. Both started in 2016. Sara has an associate's degree. Brianne has a master's degree in education.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that: medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, and staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products.

The center provides breakfast, morning snack and afternoon snack on full days. Parents provide lunch. On school days the center offers afternoon snack. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe

methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

The center's curriculum is teacher created. The center offers field trips during the summer to swimming pools, zoo, waterpark, and farms.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance. The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The director started in 1995. The onsite supervisors started in 2016.
-The children have a wide variety of fun and educational activities to choose from.
-The director and staff allow the children the opportunities to make choices and provide guidance when needed with social skills especially with developing peer relationships/coping skills. The staff work together to ensure quality behavioral management.
-The center uses ProCare, Facebook, email and phone calls for open communication.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations are issued please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 Iowa Administrative Code and Comm. 204: Comm. 204, Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant Child Care Resource & Referral - Iowa CCR&R and their Child Care Nurse Consultant Healthy Child Care Iowa | Health & Human Services. Care Resource & Referral Consultants assists centers through training/professional development, licensing/regulatory support, developing policies/procedures and achieving best practice standards (Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®). Child Care Nurse Consultants assists centers through on-site consultation, training, technical assistance, information and referrals and care planning for children with special health needs.

Date: 07/06/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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**.