Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Bear Creek Kids Campus

Provider No.: 52146

Address: 1092 Jackson ST, Brooklyn, IA, 52211

County: Poweshiek

Director's Name: Cassie Lakose

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 08/24/2026

Licensing Period: 04/01/2025 to 04/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/26/2024

Comments:

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	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:00 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	32	16	17	29	94
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Bear Creek Kids Campus opened in May 2023. The center initially operated in Brooklyn Elementary. The center is located in a single standing building located beside the school and moved to the building beginning of May 2024. The building has a secured entrance. The owners of the daycare are Shane and Susan Sissel. The center serves infant through school age children. The director is Cassie Lakose. She began in this role in November 2026. Cassie has been employed at the daycare since March 2024.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the center's entrance. Schedules are posted in each classroom. The center has age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys in place. Each classroom has it's own bathrooms as well as sinks in the classrooms. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies in the hallway. The center uses BrightWheel.

Cassie assisted with today's visit. Current enrollment is 64. There are two infant classrooms. The Yellow Room, the younger infants, had four infants present today. There were two staff working in this room. The Blue Room is for toddlers. There were six toddlers in attendance. Two staff were working with this age group. The Green Room (2's/3's) had ten children present. Three staff were working in this classroom. The Purple Room (4's/5's) had eight children present. Two staff were working with this class. The Red Room (school age) wasn't in operation during the visit. Children were observed in classrooms and on the playground.

The daycare center has a service kitchen. Staff use a three step method to clean and sanitize dishes and serving utensils. Lunch is cooked at the Brooklyn Community Estate. Food is transported in a large container that is capable of keeping food warmed and also mobile to allow staff to push it to each classroom. The center will be serving breakfast, morning snack,

lunch, afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed and meet CACFP requirements. Menus are on a five week rotation.

There are two playground areas: one playground for ages infants through 2's and one playground for 3's and up. There are grass and concrete areas. The center can also use the school's playground for the older children. The center has completed monthly monthly playground checks.

The center has a van used for transportation. The center also walks to field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has a secured entrance. The center has security cameras in place. Classrooms are well furnished with developmentally appropriate furnishings and supplies.
The infant classroom has no restrictive devices/containers. The center got a grant that is being used to purchase outdoor play materials and furnishings.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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.
Children's files didn't have updated physicals.
Cassie said the center will get updated physicals and school age health statements.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

An additional classroom is being added. This room has been used as an exercise room for staff. The addition of this room is adding 9 to the capacity. The center is planning on using this as a multipurpose room and to increase capacity for school age children.

Date: 09/06/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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