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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Building Blocks Academy

Provider No.: 51295

Address: 604 Crew Drive, Woodbine, IA, 51579

County: Harrison

Director's Name: Deb Moores

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 7126473525

E-Mail: deb.moores@thecrewcenter.com

HHS Visit Date: 01/07/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 12/18/2023

Comments: Fire inspections are due every three years.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] 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 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	20	18	24		62
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Building Blocks Academy on 1/7/26. The center opened on 1/4/21. It is connected to the CREW Center (CREW stands for community, recreation, education, and wellness) and it is owned by the board which the director reports are supportive. The center offers full and part time child care to children infant age to three years old. The hours of operation are 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The center is a locked facility and parents have fobs to get in. Deb Moores is the director. She became the director on 7/1/21. There are 28 children enrolled. I met with Deb Moores on the day of my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
There are four programming rooms. There are three infant rooms including infant to 10 months, 10 months to 15 months, and 15 months to two years old. There is a room for two years old until the child goes to preschool sometime after they turn three. The program rooms were in ratio. They looked nice and had a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The child care center also uses the CREW Center gym for programming. Daily sheets looked good, they are on the Procare child care app. The center uses Creative Curriculum. The teachers in each room make the lesson plans. The rooms with lofts are secure and have gates at the bottom and top of the stairs. Sound baffles have been placed on the walls in the programming rooms. Staff feel this has improved the noise level especially in the rooms with the lofts. The children were observed eating lunch and playing. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive, nurturing, and attentive to the needs of the children. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and Oxivir Tb is used for disinfecting. The center sanitizes throughout the day. Separate sets of bottles are used for the three-step process for sanitizing and disinfecting: 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing, and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.

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Nutrition:
The center provides breakfast and snacks every day. The Woodbine Community School prepares lunch. Menus were posted. Please follow the CACFP food guidelines even though you are not on the federal food program.

Health and safety:
The center follows the medication management procedures/medication log when a child is on medication. Four radon tests were completed in April/May of 2022 and the test scores were in the acceptable range. Monthly Fire/tornado drills were practiced but not completely. It was reported that the building has all electrical appliances. There is a concern about the possibility of cross contamination with the sinks. They are using the same sink for washing dishes and washing hands on one side and food prep on the other side of the sink. This is an issue in all but one room. Sheets are washed weekly.

Playground:
The outdoor playground area looks nice and is fun for the children. It is a natural playground with wood mulch. Mulch is added every May. There are shade tarps. The playground has slides and climbing structures. Monthly playground safety checks were documented. Grants have been received for the playground, shade shelter with turf, and storage shed for strollers. The children also use the indoor gym if the weather is too hot or too cold. They are able to use it 20-30 minutes twice a day. I observed some kids playing in the gym. Some were on riding toys and others were playing with balls and toys. The center also uses the track which is a short walk.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Four children's files were read and all were missing the form which allows the center to seek emergency treatment. Three staff files were read. One was missing the Sing background check, two were missing the national background check, two were missing first aid/CPR training, two were missing mandatory child abuse training, two were missing current physical exams, and all three were missing the annual required training. Make sure all staff have current record checks, training, physicals, etc. Please complete record checks immediately. Staff meetings are held monthly and Deb maintains daily communication with staff.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Building Blocks Academy is a beautiful center and is a wonderful resource for the Woodbine Community. Deb Moores is the director. She is confident, organized, enthusiastic, and proud of the program. Staff had excellent interactions with the children and were attentive to their needs. The center has an active and helpful board. The community is supportive of the center. The center is working on becoming IQ4K level 1. The center uses the Procare child care app to communicate with parents. The center has security cameras. The center received a grant for Creative Curriculum and a preschool teacher from the school will train them in the curriculum. Fundraising is held throughout the year. They also have large donors. The center partners with Ignite which is a program that focuses on vocations such as early childhood/child care. A parent survey is utilized. Deb identified their strengths as having low staff turnover, having a beautiful center, great community support, and a great board. Deb identified their goals as continuing to develop their curriculum and a strong overall plan for the curriculum.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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109.9(2)d: Four children's files were read and all were missing the form which allows the center to seek emergency treatment.

109.10(13)b: Fire and tornado drills have been practiced and documented but not monthly. Drills must be practiced and documented monthly.

109.11(3)a: There are concerns about the possibility of cross contamination due to the sinks in the rooms. Handwashing

and food prep is being done at the same sink.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for Building Blocks Academy for 1/1/25 to 1/1/27.

I made a referral to the Child Care Nurse Consultant to address the concerns with cross contamination with the sinks.

Date: 01/14/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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**.