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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: The Red Apple Child Care Center

Provider No.: 21020

Address: 3265 Ridge Point, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

County: Scott

Director's Name: Christy King

On-Site Supervisor: none

Phone Number: 5633323505

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HHS Visit Date: 01/28/2026

Licensing Period: 03/01/2026 to 03/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/14/2024

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	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Tuesday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Wednesday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Thursday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Friday	6:45 AM to 5:45 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	36	39	58	15	148
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 1/28/26. The center director, Christy King, was present along with other staff. Christy was previously the assistant to the director but has taken over as director since 12/1/25. Christy is qualified having worked as the assistant director for over four years and before that having worked in the infant room at this center. Christy has been with the center for 13 years and has completed various training hours over those years of experience as well. This is a for profit center owned by Chris Slavens and Michelle West. The center operates out of a large portion of a large building that also includes other businesses. The center is completely separate from the other businesses and all have their own entrances. The center serves children age six weeks to approximately third grade. The center director describes the center's curriculum as center created with a mix of fine and large motor skills for the younger children and what they have created over the years in regards to themes/letters/movement for the older children. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of the following program rooms: Prek room (three/four year old children), Infant C room (16 month old through 23 month old children, adjacent to the prek room), Infant B room (nine month old to 18 month old children), Pretoddler room (younger two year old children), Infant A room (youngest infants), Toddler room (2.5 to 3.5 year old children), Preschool room (3 three year old children), and School room (four year old through school age children). Each room is furnished with a variety of accessible materials and equipment to support programming needs. Program rooms and materials are well organized and well maintained. Rooms also offer a lot of free space for the children to move around. Program rooms, in general, included some postings at the children's level. Program rooms are well designed with adjacent restroom areas and sinks also within the program room for hand washing, several with both child and adult level sinks. Rooms that include children with diapers also include diaper stations. All program space was observed.

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The center serves morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack all prepared on site in the center's kitchen with the exception of the three and five day preschool programs where parents provide snacks on a rotating basis for the entire class with the center providing the beverage. The center does allow children to bring breakfast from home in a few instances. The director states the center monitors this to ensure it meets CACFP requirements for breakfast and that table sanitation and hand washing procedures are followed properly. The director states the center provides milk and 100 percent fruit juice to go along with the breakfasts brought from home. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The kitchen area is very clean and highly organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center continues to be very well managed by co-owners and the director. It is obvious that the administration takes much pride in the appearance and general upkeep of the center. The center appears clean and organized throughout. This center continuously makes upgrades to the building from year to year. The center has a video surveillance system which records and allows the directors to observe what is taking place in the classrooms at any given time from the director's office. Much of the staff at this center continue to have worked here for many years. The staff and management continue to work well together. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities in all program rooms. The center continues to be fashionably and seasonally decorated to present a family friendly appearance. Kid-friendly music also plays in the hallways at all times. Program rooms are bright with large windows, and hallway windows offer a view into each program room. Program rooms and hallways display many of the children's crafts and projects. Items observed displayed unique presentation of materials that allow the children a variety of experiences as well as expression of their own creativity. Required licensing documentation and staff and child files continue to be highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Medication authorizations missing specific beginning and ending dates for the period of authorization in the pretoddlers room.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Purell product does require a rinse step after the soapy water wash and before spraying the Purell to sanitize or disinfect per the EPA instructions for the product. Some rooms are completing the rinse step and others are not. Ensure Purell covers the surface that is being sanitized or disinfected.
2. Ensure all food service surfaces are properly cleaned and sanitized immediately prior to the activity including various countertop and cart surfaces.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation(s) and/or concern(s) noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 03/02/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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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**.