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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Rainbow Land Preschool & Day Care

Provider No.: 18877

Address: 201 Vine St Bldg 1, Fayette, IA, 52142

County: Fayette

Director's Name: Teresa Moore

On-Site Supervisor: Teresa Moore

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HHS Visit Date: 08/11/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/21/2023

Comments: Compliance on 10/01/23

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] 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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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	30	8	23	7	68
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

On 08/11/25 I made an unannounced licensing visit to Rainbow Land Preschool and Day Care Center in Fayette. I met with Teresa Moore, the director. Ms. Moore started with the center in August 2020 and became the director in December 2024. She has several hours of childcare training. The center employs a total of ten staff members.

The program does not currently have an IQ4K level. Ms. Moore states she has been busy learning the role of director to apply, but she may apply in the future. Sue Martin, the longtime on-site supervisor, has retired. Ms. Martin was responsible for most of the administrative paperwork. Being the director is a very busy and difficult position. I believe Ms. Moore would benefit from the center hiring someone to assist in the office. I would hate to see Ms. Moore leave because she is overwhelmed by the responsibilities that have traditionally been divided between two people.

Rainbow Land Preschool and Day Care Center opened in 1985. The program operates out of a free-standing building. The center operates Monday through Friday from 6:30 am until 6:00 pm. It serves children aged two weeks through twelve years old. They offer a three-year-old preschool class meet Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00-11:30 am. The four-year-old preschool class that meets Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 am and 3:30 pm. There are currently 41 children enrolled in the center.

The center partners with the North Fayette Valley Community School District to provide the voluntary four-year-old preschool program. Peggy Bentley is the lead teacher for the voluntary class.

The center operates out of the following rooms: Red Room (2 weeks until 24 months), Yellow Room (two and young three-years-old), Blue/Green Room (three and four-year-old preschool class) and Purple Room (four and five childcare room and school-age). An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting. The rooms are decorated with the children's art projects, posters to assist the children with the learning process, such as the alphabet, shapes, colors and numbers. The children's birthdays were posted. There is an area for circle time in the in the two and three-year-old room and the preschool room.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, Lego/blocks, table toys, games, puzzles, transportation, art, dramatic play, writing, math, science/discovery, woodworking, sensory table, Play-Doh, and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities, but it also allowed for clear supervision by staff members. Materials were in good condition. The materials are located at child level so they are easily accessible to the children.

Cribs are used for the infants and cots are used for the older children.

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The rooms use lesson plans that the former director, Ms. Kalb, found on the internet. Each classroom has a binder of prepared lesson plans. Activities are based on themes. During the summer months, the school aged room must also prepare lesson plans. The center prepares monthly newsletters for the parents. The preschool room has a Promethean smart board. Ms. Bentley follows the Iowa Early Learning Standards and completes the GOLD assessments on the preschool children.

There was a phone with emergency numbers that included the center's address and phone number in each of the classrooms. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted by the main program doors and outdoor exits throughout the center. Daily schedules were posted.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. I reviewed documentation of monthly playground inspections. The radon test was completed in December 2023 and is good for five years. Results were within EPA guidelines. The fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site in the Yellow Room and the office. Outlets were protected. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 08/21/23, with compliance on 10/01/23.

The program participates in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Marissa Skinner is the primary cook. Addison Chapman also helps with cooking. The center provides the children with lunch and a morning and afternoon snack. The center has a five-week rotation of menus. Meals are served to the children. Families are charged a fee for lunch and snacks. Menus were posted. The children eat in their classrooms.

The program provides one brand of formula, cereal and baby food for the infants. If the parents want a different brand, they must provide it. Bottles are prepared in the classroom. Bottles are washed in the room using the three-step method. There is a refrigerator in the infant room and a thermometer was present.

The kitchen was observed to be clean and organized. The program has two dishwashers. The kitchen has three sinks available and they use the three-step method to wash dishes that do not fit in the dishwashers. Allergies are posted in the kitchen as well as in the rooms. There are three refrigerators and an upright freezer. There were thermometers present. Food items were stored according to NHSPS guidelines in the kitchen. In the infant room there were snacks that were not stored according to NHSPS guidelines. Once a food item is opened it must be stored in a sealed container. I spoke with staff members about this. There was not a pattern of disregard so this will not be cited.

The center uses bleach and water to sanitize the food table and Betco Triforce Disinfectant to disinfect changing tables. This has a three-minute dwell time. Staff members use a timer to make sure the dwell time is followed. Bleach is used on food tables. Bottles were clearly labeled. There are multiple bathrooms and diaper changing tables throughout the center. Handwashing procedures and diaper changing procedures were posted in all mandated areas. I discussed the diaper changing procedure with staff members. Proper procedures are being followed.

There are four fenced in outdoor play areas. The large playground area on the east side of the center has climbing equipment. They have a teeter totter airplane, two stationary cars and a caterpillar tunnel. Woodchips are used for fall surfacing. There is a grassy area with a Funball hoop and plenty of room for the children to run. There is a large shade structure and a grassy area. There is a concrete trail for riding toys. There were broken pieces of a child's picnic table and a broken Little Tikes table. These items must be removed. There are pits of woodchips for sensory play.

There are two playgrounds on the north side of the building. In the larger area there is a concrete trail for riding toys and helmets are used. There is also a grassy area, a playhouse and picnic tables. Trees provide shade. There is a storage bin for other activities.

The smaller area on the east side has a tree for shade, a small slide that does not require fall surfacing. This area is not currently being used.

The fourth area is on the south side of the building. It is all concrete and has basketball hoops, dramatic play equipment, a playhouse, pushing toys, chairs and a picnic table. There is a storage pin for other activities.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the entrance. The mandatory reporter, childcare consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung. A no-smoking sign was posted at the entrance.

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Staff and children's files were reviewed at the time of the licensing visit. I reviewed eight children files. Files must contain emergency contact information for the doctor and dentist of each child. The doctor's and dentist's name, phone number and complete street address must be provided. One file did not provide adequate doctor or dentist emergency contact information. This will not be cited because there was not a pattern of disregard.

I reviewed two staff files. They were in great condition.

I reviewed policy and procedures, staff and parent handbooks. The necessary written emergency procedures and policies were present. Emergency Preparedness Plans have been completed.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff members were attentive and nurturing with the children. In the infant room staff members had good knowledge of the children's routines and schedules. They sat on the floor with the children. They were actively involved in play and introduced the children to activities. Staff members took the older children outside to enjoy the beautiful weather and engage in gross motor play. Once back inside, staff members provided the children with good handwashing reminders. They provided paise and encouragement but used positive redirection when necessary. The children appeared to enjoy their time at the center.

Ms. Moore states they take the school age children on walking field trips during the summer months. They have visited the library, the park and Maple Crest Assisted Living Center.

The center is in a secure building and there are cameras outside of the building.

Ms. Moore states they have increased their enrollment. She is hoping with bigger and better enrollment the center will thrive.

Ms. Moorse states she wants to show the community they are a great family environment and this is a great place to bring their children.

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Ms. Moore seems to have good relationships with the staff members at the center.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There are no licensing citations as a result of my visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is issued. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

I discussed the school aged room needing lesson plans, the infant room needing to store food items according to NHSPS guidelines and all children's files providing doctor and dentist emergency contact information with Ms. Moore. Ms. Moore was receptive to the information. These items will not be cited because there was not a pattern of disregard, but these are the areas I observed for improvement.

An administrative change is being made to remove Sue Martin as the on-site supervisor. She has retired. I believe the center would benefit greatly from hiring another office aide to assist Ms. Moore so she does not get overwhelmed and

burned out.

Date: 09/02/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Rebecca Frost

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