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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Wildcat ABC Child Care

Provider No.: 27183

Address: 405 School ST, Carlisle, IA, 50047

County: Warren

Director's Name: Mandi Shaffer

On-Site Supervisor: Crystal Kruse

Phone Number: 5159893972

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HHS Visit Date: 08/21/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2026 to 09/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/22/2026

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	6:15 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:15 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:15 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:15 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:15 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				185	185
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Wildcat ABC has been in operation since 1990. The center is located in the Carlisle Methodist Church and the center is governed by the church board. The center occupies several classrooms within the church. The center provides child care for school age children. The center has started providing programming for preschool age children. Mandi has been the director since December 2007. Mandi has a BA in Human Resources Management. Mandi was the assistant director prior to becoming the director. Crystal is the on site supervisor. She has been employed with the center since 2012.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed today. Mandatory postings are in place in the office. General schedules are posted in classrooms. Preschool classrooms need lesson plans as they have all day programming. Each classroom is supplied with games, toys, arts/crafts and learning materials.

Mandy and Crystal assisted with today's visit. Nine staff in addition to Mandy and Crystal were working today. Ninety five children were at the center at the start of after school programming. The center has ten classrooms available for programming. Two of these rooms are used for preschool classes during school hours.
Children were observed in a few of the classrooms today. Rooms were at or above ratio requirements. Children were doing art activities and playing in the interest areas. Staff were observed to be engaged with the children during the visit.

The center uses a spacious kitchen. Children eat in the Family Life Center. The center participates in the federal food program. Preschool children eat all meals there on Wednesdays. During the summer months, the center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. During the school year, the center serves breakfast and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation.

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The center has an outdoor play area for the children but generally uses the school's playground, which is located across the street.

For off site field trips, the center contracts with the school bus for transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Mandi has been the director of this program for many years. The on site supervisor has been been employed with the child care center for many years also. The center benefits from their experience and leadership. The new addition is spacious and has classrooms that are well supplied with toys and age appropriate furnishings.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
The preschool age groups didn't have lesson plans, which are needed for more extended programming time.

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.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Date: 09/27/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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