Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Vet Med Child Care Center

Provider No.: 16873

Address: 1520 Christensen Dr, Ames, IA, 50011

County: Story

Director's Name: Angela Adams

On-Site Supervisor: Ashley Hunt

Phone Number: 5152942273

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HHS Visit Date: 08/14/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/19/2025

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years; this was completed by Ames Fire Dept. Jason Ziph

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 4

- [X] Accrediation — Comments: NAEYC National Association for the Education of Young Children

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	12	18	22	34	86
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced full licensing visit was completed 8-14-25. Director, Angela Adams, was present through the entire visit and assistant director Ashley Hunt was present at times during the visit.

This center is on the campus of Iowa State University Veterinarian Medicine and is operated by the Bright Horizons Corporation, opening in 1997. The center has sole-occupancy of the single-story structure that was built specifically to be used as a child care center. Sticks furniture and art
gallery provided art throughout the center, which adds a unique visual touch to the center.

Angela Adams has been the director since November of 2013, and had previously been an assistant director at another Bright Horizon center. Angela has a Bachelor's degree and Master's degree along with many years of experience in child care. Ashley Hunt started as the assistant director in August of 2022. Ashley has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education Leadership. Both Angela and Ashley meet the qualifications for their positions. Ashley also carries the title of Health and Safety Director at the center as well.

This center offers traditional child care to to ISU Faculty, along with ISU students and staff. This center is not open to the community for child care. There is always a waiting list for families who wish to use this center.

The center is using the World at Their Fingertips Curriculum, which is based on the Creative curriculum and Montessori components; and the "My Bright Day" application to communicate with parents. The center also uses a primary care giving concept; in which a child is assigned to a certain staff member in the classroom, however this is not exclusive to this one staff member.

Classrooms offer a good variety of age/developmentally diverse toys and play centers. The rooms are clean and nicely organized. The infants were awake and finishing eating while older children were resting or playing quietly during this visit after lunch. The rooms were in ratio and the teachers were observed to be attentive to the children while maintaining good classroom structure. The children were content.

This center has their NAEYC accreditation. This is a nationally recognized program and only a small percentage of child care centers are able to meet the standards and requirements established by NAEYC.

This center has attained IQ4K (quality rating) of level 4 and is submitting application for level 5.

The center offers meals crafted by the director in line with the CACFP healthy food program. The center offers fresh produce whenever possible. The children eat in their classrooms family style with teachers.

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The playground offers natural shade and some shade structures with grass and cement paths around a large play area, that is enclosed by chain link fencing. The playground saw new "play" bridges and houses this year.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The staff at the center are well-educated and continue work well together as a team, including the director and assistant director.

The center continues to offer a family atmosphere and is family oriented. The center works toward building relationships with families. The parents of children who attend this center value the center and appreciate the center.

The center has a strong, working relationship with the University. The University, who owns the building, is investing in the program and in the building. The center was able to update some surfaces and flooring since last year's visit.

The staff were attentive to the children; maintaining good structure.
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3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects that fall below the standard reviewed.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full two year license is recommended.

Radon was tested 12/2023 and all results were below 4.0.

The teachers were engaged with the children's activities and the children were content. The center is very organized and kept tidy.

Date: 08/29/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson

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