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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: HACAP Head Start-Iowa City Bloomington

Provider No.: 25117

Address: 318 E Bloomington St, Iowa City, IA, 52245

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Gayle Dick

On-Site Supervisor: Robin Pickart

Phone Number: 3193390632

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HHS Visit Date: 12/19/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/22/2024

Comments: Does Comply.

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	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			48		48
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at HACAP Head Start-Iowa City Bloomington - 25117 for their annual visit. The center is located in a commercial building. The center has three classrooms, a break room, kitchen and office. The center is open year around Monday-Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm. The center provides care to preschool aged children.

The director is Gayle Dick. Gayle has a Bachelor's in Speech Pathologist with a Minor in Early Childhood Education. She started in2016.

The on-site supervisor is Robin Pickart. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Elementary Education. She also holds a valid teaching license. She started in 2006.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center was safe, sanitary and hazard free.

The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products and diaper changing procedures were followed.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease,

infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

The center's curriculum is a blend of Creative Curriculum, Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports, and Second Step. The center does not provide transportation or field trips.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance.

The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center collaborates with Grant Wood AEA, Public Health, I-Smile, University of Iowa Dental College, Iowa City Public Library, Iowa City Community School District.
-The center continues to collaborate with Table to Table to get healthy fresh produce for daily meals.
-The center has the librarian come in to read and sing once a month. They also had a family event at the library and introduced several families to the services they offer at the library.
-Staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations were issued please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/providerportal/DocumentViewer.aspx?ID=19 and Comm. 204: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/6489/download?inline

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

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Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNCs) are registered nurses who have early childhood training and are experts in child health, child care, and child safety. CCNC services are available statewide and are part of the Healthy Child Care Iowa program. ECE providers may call or email questions to their local CCNC about health and safety policies, health records, health resources, and specific child health or safety concerns. To contact your local CCNC go to https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci and click on the “CCNC Local Services Map.”

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Date: 01/19/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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**.