Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: America's Children of Oakmoor

Provider No.: 26365

Address: 4731 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines, IA, 50322

County: Polk

Director's Name: Robin Vannausdle

On-Site Supervisor: Jackie Putz

Phone Number: 5152702220

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HHS Visit Date: 09/12/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2025 to 10/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/04/2023

Comments: Fire inspections due at least every three years.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 4

- [ ] 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	48	24	48	75	195
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced full licensing visit was completed 9-12-25. The director was present for the visit.

America's Children of Oakmoor has been in operation since 1992. This child care center is attached to the Oakmoor Health Club, although the health club has closed. Robin Vannausdle has been the director since June of 1992. She has an Elementary Education degree. Jackie Putz has been the Assistant Director since 2006. Jackie began working at this center in May of 1993. She has an AA degree in Child Development. Both meet criteria for their positions.

The center uses creative curriculum for lesson plans, that were posted; and the Bright Wheel Application to communicate with parents. The center incorporates PBIS or Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports into learning as well. There was good structure in the rooms with staff observed to be attentive to the children and children content. The rooms were nicely arranged and well-stocked with centers/activities/toys. The center has several libraries of books and activities available to the children and to staff for staff-lead read-aloud.

There is an on-site kitchen; with meals prepared on-site. Meals are served family-style in the classroom where staff interact with the children during lunch.

The playground is adjacent to the center and enclosed by a combination of wood and chain link fencing, which was in good repair. There is ample natural shade. Surfacing is artificial grass. Privacy to the playground is set up by a natural mature tree line. Structures were in good repair with ample safe surfacing.

Transportation/Field Trips: NA

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center has attained a quality rating for IQ4K of Level 4. Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) is Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) licensed Child Care Centers and preschools, registered Child Development Homes and programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or nonpublic school. IQ4K® provides five levels of quality (building blocks) that programs can achieve.

This center does or has participated in Child Care WAGE$® Iowa (WAGE$) is a salary supplement program offered by Iowa AEYC. WAGE$ works hand-in-hand with TEACH Early Childhood® Iowa. WAGE$ offers salary supplements (also called stipends) to the early care and education workforce, based on the individual's level of formal education and commitment to their program.

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The center also has and does participate in TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) is a comprehensive scholarship program that provides the early childhood workforce access to educational opportunities and is helping establish a well-qualified, fairly compensated and stable workforce for our children.

Robin and Jackie (Director and Assistant Director) have been in leadership positions for many years together. They are closely involved with all operations of the center and work well together.

Robin is very invested in the center and in providing quality care for the children and often works with CCR&R and/or the child care nurse consultant when needed.

The center has a secure entrance.

The center is family oriented. There is good communication with families.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training. One staff file reviewed had expired CPR/First Aid Certification. The director indicated that a large group of CPR/First Aid sessions has been set up for staff to update this certification in 10/2025.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care. One child file reviewed was missing emergency dental information.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full two year license is recommended.

Radon testing was completed in October of 2023. The radon test was under the 4.0 cutoff.

The menu reflects the center is following CACFP guidelines.

Date: 09/17/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson

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**.