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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Sheryl K Johnson Child Care Center

Provider No.: 18160

Address: 400 Gleason Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

County: Pottawattamie

Director's Name: Jessica McGinnis

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 10/21/2026

Licensing Period: 11/01/2026 to 11/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/21/2025

Comments: The fire inspector reported the citations are not related or near the child care center.

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	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	36	12	96	150	294
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Sheryl K. Johnson Child Care Center on 10/21/26. The center is connected to St. Albert Elementary School. Child care services are provided to children infant age to preschool age. The hours of operation are 7 AM to 5:30 PM. There are 85 children enrolled. Jessica McGinnis is the director. Jessica has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and she has a master's degree. She has worked at Sheryl K Johnson Child Care Center since 2019. Seventy-six children were present. I met with Jessica during my visit.

Observation of rooms:
There are eight child care programming rooms and two Pre-Kindergarten rooms through the school that are licensed programming rooms. The Pre-Kindergarten students were not present during my visit. The center created a large motor skills activity room with padded flooring. They previously had a similar room, but it was taken over by the school. The rooms have a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The eight child care programming rooms were observed during my licensing visit. All of the rooms were in ratio. The children were having fun playing, eating lunch, and having nap time. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and nurturing. It is fun to see all of the children's fun art work displayed in the rooms and throughout the building. The center uses Learning Beyond Paper Curriculum along with some religious components to go along with it. The lead teacher creates the lesson plans. Lesson plans/activities and the daily schedule are posted in every room. The emphasis is to provide fun hands-on learning experiences every day. The child care programming rooms have a tablet and the center uses the Brightwheel app for daily sheets, incident reports, notifications, and communication with the parents. One room was too dark during nap time. This is the second year this has been an issue. Make sure the room is light enough to see the children's faces and chest rise/breathing. During rest time, adequate lighting must be maintained for staff to effectively supervise children. The emergency phone numbers in the rooms did not have the center's address or phone number. Jessica corrected

this by the following day.

Nutrition:
Breakfast and lunch are catered by Black and White Catering. The center provides the snack. They have a person specifically assigned to the kitchen to take care of meals. The temperature is taken when the food arrives and again when it is served. The center is on the federal food program. The refrigerator and freezer had thermometers although they weren't being monitored. Jessica corrected this by putting a form on the refrigerators for staff to monitor the temperatures regularly. Menus were posted.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. Jessica and all lead teachers are certified medication administrators. Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented. The building has all electrical appliances. Since you are in a school, it is the responsibility of the Department of Education to make sure radon testing is being completed, therefore child care licensing doesn't need to review your radon testing information. Eleven radon tests were completed in July 2022 and all test scores were under a 4.0 pCi/L. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Toys are sanitized at least daily. The three step bottle procedure is used: 1. Soap and water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing, and 3. Your EPA and child care approved products for sanitizing and disinfecting.

Playground:
The center has fenced outdoor play area with a variety of toys. Monthly playground inspections are completed. There are two separate playgrounds for different ages. The playground for one- to two-year-old children has a climbing structure, slide, balls, and riding toys. Two pieces of equipment on the younger playground did not appear to have enough fall surfacing. I made a referral to the Child Care Nurse Consultant about fall surfacing. This is a repeat issue from last year. Please meet with the Child Care Nurse Consultant to discuss this. Please do not use these two pieces of equipment until it can be evaluated by the Child Care Nurse Consultant. The playground for the three- to five-year-old children has a climbing structure, musical instruments, hopscotch, sandbox, and riding toys. Turf is used for fall surfacing. The older playground is shared with the school.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Five staff files were reviewed and one was missing the CPR/first aid practical testing. They had completed the online portion. Ten children's files were reviewed. One child had their immunizations on the wrong form. This has been a huge improvement over last year for both staff and children's files. The center has their emergency preparedness procedures. Quarterly staff meetings are held and Jessica meets with staff on an ongoing basis. Some staff participate in the WAGE$ program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Jessica is confident as the director. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and nurturing. The staff are very creative and provide daily hands-on learning experiences that are fun and educational. The center is a great resource for the community. The center has received grants for equipment. The center has cameras and an emergency notification system through the school. The center has tremendous support from parents and the community. The center is very grateful for the generous donations for renovations and equipment. Some staff participate in the WAGE$ program. There is an advisory board that makes decisions. They meet monthly to every other month. Some of last year's citations have been corrected over the last year. Jessica believes their strengths are consistency, low staff turnover, and staff longevity.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. Five staff files were reviewed and one was missing the CPR/first aid practical testing. They had completed the online portion.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained

so as not to result in injury to the children. One of the rooms was too dark during naptime. During rest time, adequate lighting must be maintained for staff to effectively supervise children. They must be able to see their face and chest so they can see they are breathing.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 11/1/26 to 11/1/28.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Jessica her oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Jessica said staff took FLIP-IT training which is behavioral management training. All of the staff took it over the summer. There are quarterly staff meetings in which they address specific children or things that are frustrating to staff. They will remove a child from a classroom if he/she is causing issues that put unnecessary stressors on staff. Jessica will address things individually or as a group, if needed.

I made a referral to the Child Care Nurse Consultant to look at fall surfacing on two pieces of equipment on the younger playground. Please have the Child Care Nurse Consultant evaluate the soft climbing piece of equipment in the six weeks to one year old room.

Date: 10/28/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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.

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