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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: ACPC-Main Center

Provider No.: 16803

Address: 920 Carroll Ave, Ames, IA, 50010

County: Story

Director's Name: Nancy Krause

On-Site Supervisor: Brittney Kavorik/Allison Sorensen

Phone Number: 5152332901

E-Mail: director@acpc-childcare.org

HHS Visit Date: 03/31/2026

Licensing Period: 04/01/2026 to 04/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/28/2024

Comments: Fire Inspections are due at least every three years. By Ames Fire Department--Jason Ziph

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 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

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	28	110	40	190
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed 3-31-26. Director Nancy Krause, Brittney Kovarik and Allison Sorensen were present during different parts of the visit.

The ACPC Child Care Program first started in 1968 and serve children ages 12 months up to preschool age, having some school age children at times during the summer for overflow from the school sites (and possibly this summer as well). Once children become school age they may attend one of the school site programs also operated by this organization during the school year.

The hours of operation are 7:00 AM -6:00 PM. The center is the sole occupant of the building.

Nancy Krause is the executive director, beginning 2025. Nancy has a Master of Social Work and many years of child care experience. Brittney Kovarik became the on-site supervisor in March of 2023 . Brittney has an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education and 14 prior years of experience at ACPC as a lead teacher. Brittney is the Assistant Program director. Both meet the points required for their positions. Allison Sorensen is the Associate Director of the center. All meet the criteria for their positions.

Room observations/Activities: The center uses Teaching Strategies Gold with the Creative Curriculum, as well as an emotional and social component to the curriculum. The center uses the Bright Wheel application to communicate with parents. Classrooms were in ratio when observed. Staff were actively engaged in either leading a group activity or with meeting individual needs. The children appeared content and some were resting at the time this visit occurred. Staff were observed to work well with one another. The classrooms offered a good variety of age/developmentally appropriate play

centers and toys.

Nutrition Practices: There is an on-site kitchen with a chef. ACPC offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The program is enrolled in and participates with CACFP meal guild Lines.

Playground: The center playground is divided by ages and each area offering a good amount of space. There is natural shading and shade structures. There are play structures and toys available for children's access. The playground has cement, grass and wood chips as safety surfacing. Part of the playground is utilized for community access with set hours. Staff monitor on-going for needed maintenance. This playground is in good condition, and the center is expecting several loads of fresh wood ships as well.

Transportation/Field trips : the center occasionally uses Cyride (city bus) but does not provide transportation at this point.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has strong ties with the community and receives community support. The center has a good reputation and there is often a waiting list for children to enroll.

The center has strong partnerships in the community, including United Way, the University, Raising Readers program, the school district and AEA.

The center has a Facebook page and a website.

The center is able to employ students from the local University and this brings a nice mix of staff with longevity and staff in the academic culture.

The center communicates well with families and has strong relationships with their families.

The staff are trained in PBIS.

The center participates in the TEACH program.

The center has strong support from their board, the board wants what is best for the center and for the teachers and families. The board supports the teachers.

The center offers a library for young readers and a food pantry for families that was well stocked with necessities.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(2)
Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.

109.9(1)a: All files contain:Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record checkCopy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable.Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.

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.

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.

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

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109.7(2) Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
*a staff physical and electronic files were reviewed and found not to contain certifications of completion for contact hours of training
The director will review staff's progress and ensure annual trainings are completed and completion certificates are entered in the physical file or the electronic file (IPower)

109.9(1)a: All files contain: ...Copies of national criminal history check results...
*a staff file reviewed did not contain valid national background check (fingerprint) RESULTS. The documentation of submission was present and the result of the documented submission indicated the prints submitted required resubmission.
The director will ensure staff repeats National Records checks and ensure valid results are received, placed in the staff's file.

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.
*Staff file was reviewed and did not contain a CPR/First Aid valid certificate of completion.
The director will ensure staff completes the necessary training and/or ensures the certificate of completion is placed in the physical or electronic staff file.

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.
*several child files were reviewed and missing contact information for dental care.
The center will reach out to families, obtain the needed information and place in the child's file.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing is now due every five years if testing is under the 4.0 cutoff. The center completed radon testing in April of 2022 and all rooms tested fell under the 4.0 cutoff.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with the director their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. ACPC offers professional development days for staff three times a year. Professional development contains information for teachers on behavior recognition and management strategies. This center is and has historically worked with children's physicians, therapists and/or AEA for behavioral care plans when needed. Teachers are able to seek out on-site supervisors and the director if they are in need of a break as well. The director emphasized working with families to help meet children's specific needs. In addition, this center has been working on teacher retention, which is believed to assist in structure and consistency for the classrooms.

Date: 04/06/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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**.