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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Stanton Child Resource Center

Provider No.: 6917

Address: 711 Prospect St, Stanton, IA, 51573

County: Montgomery

Director's Name: Abby Graham

On-Site Supervisor: Britany Schoning

Phone Number: 7128292801

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HHS Visit Date: 09/30/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/16/2024

Comments: fire inspections are due every three years

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] 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	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	52	20	46	32	150
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Stanton Child Resource Center on 9/30/26. The center opened in August 2005. Child care services are provided to children six weeks to school age from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. During the summer, in-service days, snow days, and on Mondays full day programming is offered to school age children. The Stanton School District does not have school on Mondays. The center is located right off the highway in Stanton, Iowa. The center moved into their new building on 8/19/24. It is located across the street from their previous location. The center has a board of directors. Abby Graham became the director on 9/17/25. Abby was previously the assistant director for two years and has been employed at Stanton Child Resource Center since 2018. Britany Schoning became the assistant director on 10/27/25. I met with Abby during my visit. There are 85 children enrolled in the center. Thirty-three children were present during my visit.

Observation of rooms:
The new building looks amazing and everyone is very excited about the new center. The new center opened on 8/19/24. There are seven programming rooms, but only four were being used during my visit. There are a total of seven rooms and one of them is used for school-age children when they are present. The school age children were in school at the time of my visit. The building also has a very large reception area, laundry room, break room, excellent kitchen facilities, and separate playground areas. All programming rooms were observed. The children were taking naps at the time of my visit. Since my last visit, the center has purchased enough cribs to meet every child's needs. The programming rooms have a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The daily sheets looked good. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the children's needs. The lead teacher in each room is responsible for developing their lesson plans and activities. Every room had lesson plans. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday they have three-year-old preschool. Iowa Early Learning Standards are used for curriculum. The center uses the

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Procare child care app.

Nutrition:
The center provides breakfast, lunch, and snack. Lunch is delivered by Treat America/Company Kitchen each day. The temperature of the food is taken when it arrives. Staff need to take the temperature again before serving the food. Menus are posted and on the Procare App. The center participates in the federal food program. Proper food storage was not observed. Cereal and crackers were not sealed in airtight containers after opening.

Health and safety:
Purell is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Toys are sanitized twice a day. Crib sheets are washed twice a week and cot sheets are washed weekly. Both are washed more often if needed. Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced. Radon testing has not yet been completed although Abby has the testing kits. Abby reported last year that the testing was done, but she was unable to find the results. The building has all electrical appliances. The center follows medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication. Some of the children are on emergency medications. They are in a container that is not locked but is inaccessible to children. They do not take the rescue medications to the playground but do take the medications if they leave the grounds. I suggest you talk you're your Child Care Nurse Consultant about how best to handle each child on a rescue medication. Emergency diagrams and numbers are posted. Emergency procedures and emergency preparedness plans have been updated since last year and Abby plans to update them again. One of the stalls in the preschool room did not have any toilet paper.

Playground:
The playground opened on 9/15/24 after the fence was installed. There are playground areas for different age groups of children. The older children have a large piece of climbing equipment; another area has a piece of equipment. These areas have rubber mulch for surfacing which is new this year. The area for the infant children has a small slide and teeter totter. Surfacing is required for equipment that is 18 inches and higher. Abby said they remove the climbing toys if the kids come outside. They want to move it to the shed once there is room. Shade is provided in the infant playground area. Abby should consult with the Child Care Nurse Consultant on fall surfacing for the infant area. Abby hopes they can get fall surfacing for the infant area. They currently have turf. Abby was unable to find the documentation that playground inspection had been completed but found it after I had left the center. She emailed me a copy.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services. The school bus provides transportation services to and from Good Shepherd Christian Preschool for preschool age children. The school bus provides transportation for the school-age children to get to and from school from the center.

Administrative records:
Ten children's files were reviewed. Eight files were missing current physical exams or statements of health. Abby said she was going to set a date for parents to get their children's physical exams or statements of health completed. One file was missing a dentist's name and number, and one file did not have emergency contact information listed. Please make sure all children's files have current registration information. Three staff files were reviewed. In one file the FBI fingerprint background check was overdue. Abby said that person had rolled their fingerprints and they just needed to be mailed in. One file was missing Universal Precautions, two files were missing Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting, one was missing the annual professional development hours, and two were missing physical exams. One person had their physical exam scheduled for the following week. Abby said she is going to set a date for all staff to have their physical exams completed. Please complete background checks immediately. Please review files and make sure staff are current on all training. Abby is working with CCR&R on the staff files. I'm going to make a referral to both CCR&R and the Child Care Nurse Consultant to assist with both staff and children's files.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Abby and the staff are very excited and proud of the new center. Abby was helpful during my licensing visit. The center is a wonderful resource for the community. The center has a very supportive board. The center has had fundraising events. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. The center is working with CCR&R to apply for the IQ4K program. The center applies for grants for equipment, supplies, etc. Abby is willing to work with CCR&R and the Child Care Nurse Consultant on a variety of issues. I will make a referral to both. Abby obtained her NAC. Abby identified their strengths as staff have good communication with parents, staff members are a good team, and parents compliment staff. The center uses the

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Procare App for checking children in and out, communicating with parents, posting the menu, parents can pay their bill, and staff clock in and out.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. Three staff files were reviewed. In one file the FBI fingerprint background check was overdue. Abby said that person had rolled their fingerprints and they just needed to be mailed in. One file was missing Universal Precautions, two files were missing Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting, one was missing the annual professional development hours, and two were missing physical exams.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary. Ten children's files were reviewed. Eight files were missing current physical exams or statements of health. Abby said she was going to set a date for parents to get their children's physical exams or statements of health completed. One file was missing a dentist's name and number, and one file did not have emergency contact information listed. Please make sure all children's files have current registration information.

109.11(2)b: Program space must meet the following conditions: Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all children who nap. Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing must be maintained. The center will have sufficient toilet articles for each child for hand washing. One of the stalls in the preschool room was out of toilet paper.

109.11(8)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted. Radon testing has not been conducted since moving into the new site.

109.13(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed. Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves. Food must be stored in an airtight container after opening. It must also be dated.

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 10/1/25 to 10/1/27.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Abby her oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Staff come to Abby with any issues they may be having. There are phones in each room so staff can dial another room or Abby if they need assistance. The staff will talk about ways to handle more difficult children at staff meetings.

I made a referral to the Child Care Resource and Referral and the Child Care Nurse Consultant for help with children's and staff files. They can also assist Abby with a variety of issues that fall below standards.

The center made improvements over last year; however, it is recommended that Abby not be in the programming rooms as often so she can tend to director duties. Some of the citations that were identified this year may have been prevented if Abby tended more to her director's duties and was in the programming rooms less often. The number of hours Abby is working each week may lead to burnout.

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Date: 10/06/2026

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.

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**.