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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: All Star Day Care

Provider No.: 25462

Address: 1408 E Court Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50316

County: Polk

Director's Name: Karen Newcomb

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5152826516

E-Mail: allstardaycare@live.com

HHS Visit Date: 02/16/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2025 to 02/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/24/2024

Comments:

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	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:30 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	18	69		123
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

All Star Daycare has been in operation since 2005. The center moved to it's current location in August 2022. The center is located in a single standing building with a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infancy through five years of age. Karen Newcomb is the owner and director. She was a registered in home daycare provider prior to opening All Star Daycare.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Classrooms have schedules posted. The center has a monthly newsletter. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings, materials and toys. Classrooms with children ages two and up have defined interest centers. Each classroom has it's own restroom or shares a restroom with the classroom next door. Children's art work is displayed in classrooms and hallways. The center uses Frog Street for their learning curriculum for children ages three and older. The center uses Creative Curriculum for children ages infancy through two years.

Karen assisted with the majority of today's visit. The infant classroom had six infants present. Two staff were working in this classroom, including Karen. Karen worked in this classroom until a staff person arrived at the center to work in the infant room. The toddler classroom had eleven toddlers present. There were three staff working in this class. The 2's classroom had thirteen children present. Two staff were working with this group. The 3's class had fifteen children present. Two staff were working in this class. The 4/5's had twelve children in attendance. One staff was working in this classroom. Children were observed in their classrooms today. Classrooms were observed during lunch time. Children were also observed during rest time and during some transition times. Staff in the infant and toddler rooms were sitting on the floor, holding and sitting near the children. Interactions between staff and children were observed to be positive during the visit.

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The center is on the federal food program. The center has a full kitchen and has a cook on staff. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a two week rotation.

The center has a playground with fencing. There is rubber tile for surfacing material. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center participates in the Women's Empowerment Program through United Way, which provides a great deal of support to centers. Karen has many years of management in child care. The center has video monitoring cameras in the classrooms.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
One staff needs an updated physical.

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 children's files are missing dental information.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Date: 02/20/2026

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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