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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: North Star Child Care Center

Provider No.: 53025

Address: 1839 B St, Iowa City, IA, 52245

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Kayla Kuepker

On-Site Supervisor: Assistant Director: Lily Huber

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HHS Visit Date: 08/04/2026

Licensing Period: 03/01/2026 to 03/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/03/2026

Comments: Does Comply.

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 8:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 8:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 8:30 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 8:30 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 8:30 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	32	33	52	23	140
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

The center has opened a newly remodeled facility. The center has eight classrooms, offices, two kitchens, laundry rooms, pantry, storage space and a cafeteria. The center provides childcare for infants to school aged children. They currently have 52 children enrolled. The center is open during the school year from 6:30am to 6:30pm. The center's fire inspection was completed on 8/3/26.

The director is Kayla Jordan. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She started on 8/2019.

The assistant director is Lily Huber. Lily has a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Human Services. She started in 11/2024.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center was safe, sanitary and hazard free.

The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products, diaper changing procedures were followed, infant safe sleep practices were followed.

The center provides breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and supper. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of

disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

The center's curriculum is teacher created using the following curriculum: Lillio Curriculum.

The center does provide transportation Lemme, Longfellow, Lucas, and Hoover. They do take field trips. Examples include Living History Farm, library, pools, parks, Lost Island, trampoline park, etc.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance.

The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center remodeled a facility to open and provide care for additional children/families.
-The center is clean, nicely organized and welcoming to those who enter.
-The staff files, child files and the licensing notebook are in full compliance.
-The center utilized Brightwheel for open communication with families, paperwork, pictures, etc.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations are issued, please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 Iowa Administrative Code and Comm. 204: Comm. 204, Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant Child Care Resource & Referral - Iowa CCR&R and their Child Care Nurse Consultant Healthy Child Care Iowa | Health & Human Services. Care Resource & Referral Consultants assists centers through training/professional development, licensing/regulatory support, developing policies/procedures and achieving best practice standards (Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®). Child Care Nurse Consultants assists centers through on-site consultation, training, technical assistance, information and referrals and care planning for children with special health needs.

Date: 08/04/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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**.