Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Indianola Child Care-Whittier

Provider No.: 28270

Address: 1306 W Salem, Indianola, IA, 50125

County: Warren

Director's Name: Justine Fridley

On-Site Supervisor: Eli Akin

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HHS Visit Date: 09/15/2025

Licensing Period: 06/01/2024 to 06/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/17/2025

Comments: Indianola Fire Department

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			36	60	96
Summer				264	264

1. Basic Overview

The Indianola Child Care Whittier program has been in operation since June 1996. During the school year, this program offers before and after school child care to children who attend this elementary school. The majority of programming is held in the school cafeteria and gym. The center also has access to school's computer lab and playground. Justine Fridley is the director of this center as well as the other Indianola Child Care centers. The preschool age children have their own classrooms. Eli Akin is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the cafeteria. The schedule/ lesson plan is posted by the mandatory postings. The center has interest areas set up for children's use. The center also uses classrooms for preschool age children. These classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings and supplies.

The center had all day programming today. The preschool classroom was observed today. There were two staff working. Twelve children were present. Children were observed during child directed play and learning activities. Children were doing tracing and coloring activities at tables. Children were playing in the interest areas. Staff were assisting children with their activities.

The center serves snack after school. During all day programming, the center serves breakfast and afternoon snack. Children bring their own lunches. Menus reflect CACFP guidelines are followed.

The school has spacious playground areas. There are a few areas the children can use. There are some climbing structures, basketball hoops, grassy areas. Rubber tile is surfacing material under climbing structures. The school maintains the playground and the center completes playground checklists.

The center doesn't provide transportation during the school year. The center uses school busing for off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Justine has been employed with ICC for several years. ICC Programs are well rounded and organized. Children have large

motor play activities daily. Administrative records are well maintained.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Lunches for preschool age children need to meet CACFP standards. The center needs to ensure this is occurring and will need to supplement the lunches if parents are not providing lunches that meet CACFP standards.

This 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.state.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: 09/18/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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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