

Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Wildcat ABC Child Care **Enrollment:** 90 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27183

Street: 405 School ST **City:** Carlisle **Iowa** **Zip** 50047 **County:** Warren

Mailing Address: 405 School ST, Carlisle, IA, 50047

Director's Name: Mandi Shaffer **Phone Number:** 515-989-3972

On-Site Supervisor(s): Crystal Kruse **E-Mail:** wildcatabcchildcare@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-20-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-10-2022

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** NA **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** NA

Date Inspected: 06-26-2023

Comments : 9/6/23 date of compliance

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS: Year-round School-Year Summer Only

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				90	90
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 09-01-2022 to 09-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

Date: 12-07-2023

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Wildcat ABC has been in operation since 1990. The center is located in the Carlisle Methodist Church and the center is governed by the church board. The center occupies several classrooms within the church. The center provides child care for school age children. Mandi has been the director since December 2007. Mandi has a BA in Human Resources Management. Mandi was the assistant director prior to becoming the director. Crystal is the on site supervisor. She has been employed with the center since 2012.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed today. Mandatory postings are in place in the office. Lesson plans/schedules are posted in classrooms. Each classroom is supplied with games, toys, arts/crafts and learning materials.

Mandi was present and she assisted with today's visit. There were eight staff working today. Fifty five children were present. The center generally uses five classrooms and children are divided by grades. There were three classrooms that had children Kindergarten and 1st grade. The large classroom had children 2nd grade through 5th grade. At the time of the visit, the children had already made crafts and were in the large gym. Today was pajama day and they were going to watch a movie. The center was using a large projector to watch the movie. Staff were sitting, spaced out throughout the children to provide age appropriate supervision for the activity.

The center uses a kitchen within the church. The center participates in the federal food program. During the summer months, the center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. During the school year, the center serves breakfast and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation.

The center has an outdoor play area for the children but generally uses the school's playground, which is located across the street.

For off site field trips, the center contracts with the school bus for transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in QRS and has a four star rating. Mandi has been the director of this program for many years. The on site supervisor has been employed with the child care center for many years also. The center benefits from their experience and leadership. The center has access to the church's gym and the school's playground. The center has gotten new flooring throughout the center and new cabinets in all classrooms.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

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

V. 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 mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) 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.

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