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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: MercyOne Clinton Child Care and Preschool

Provider No.: 18588

Address: 638 S Bluff Blvd, Clinton, IA, 52732

County: Clinton

Director's Name: Kendra Stuver

On-Site Supervisor: Dana Edfors

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HHS Visit Date: 02/10/2026

Licensing Period: 04/01/2025 to 04/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/17/2024

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	5:45 AM to 6:15 PM		
Tuesday	5:45 AM to 6:15 PM		
Wednesday	5:45 AM to 6:15 PM		
Thursday	5:45 AM to 6:15 PM		
Friday	5:45 AM to 6:15 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	42	30	49	14	135
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 2/10/26. The center director, Kendra Stuver, was not present on the day of the visit. Kendra's assistant, Dana Edfors, was present and in charge of the center. Kendra has a master's degree in organizational management and previous experience as an assistant director/director at a child care center. Kendra has been at the center since October 2013. This center is owned and operated by MercyOne hospital in Clinton. The center is located in its own building on property owned by the hospital system. The center serves children age six weeks to 12 years and does offer a before/after school and non-school day program for school-age children. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool program. The center reports using the Creative Curriculum. The center reports an enrollment of 180 children at the time of the visit.

This center consists of program rooms located on the main floor and on the lower level of the building. Rooms on the main floor include; yellow room (six weeks to 10 months), orange room (front 10 to 12 months, back portion 12 to 18 months), purple room (18 months to two years), and teal room (two to three years). The lower level includes; blue room (three to four years), green room (four to five years), and pink/red room (now includes three to four years or school age).

Program rooms are generally adequately supplied with materials to meet program needs. There are restrooms in the following areas on the main level; adjacent to one side of the orange room (not used), adjacent to the yellow room (staff restroom), and a shared restroom adjacent to both the purple room and teal rooms (with several toilets and hand washing sinks). Diaper stations are located within the yellow, orange, teal, and purple rooms. On the lower level there are restroom areas adjacent to the green room. These are separate restrooms for boys and girls with several toilets and sinks in each. Children from the red/pink and blue rooms must travel from their rooms to the green room to use the restroom. A diaper station has been added to the red room. The center has been reminded about expectations for ratio and supervision

requirements when children travel between rooms. Staff shall travel to the vicinity of the restroom area when child(ren) are using the area to be accountable for children as well as to ensure proper hand washing takes place as required. Program rooms also include one sink within the room that is used for hand washing. This sink is shared in counter space that separates the portions of the orange room. All program space was observed.

The center participates in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, snack, lunch, and snack. Meals and snacks, with the exception of breakfast, are prepared at the IDPH licensed hospital kitchen and brought to the center. Breakfast is prepared on site. There is a small kitchenette area and a counter top area near the entrance of the center where the final food preparation activities are completed by the designated staff person. This area is clean and organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center continues to be well managed. The center being affiliated with a hospital provides for resources that otherwise might not be available. The center reports they are working on IQ4K certification currently. The main level of the center is bright with many windows, and program rooms are generally spacious. The staff and director continue to work well together. Several of the staff have been with the center for a number of years. Activity planning continues to be well done for the center. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities in all program rooms. The children's crafts and projects are posted throughout the center. The center has an excellent supply of extra materials organized in storage as well as books arranged by topic. The center continues to provide diapers and wipes for children. The climbing structure is new in the outdoor play area since the last licensing visit. Required licensing documentation and child and files were again found to be highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(1): All staff (within first three months of employment):Iowa’s training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions.Certification in First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute, or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the Department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, (Essentials) approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have all of the essentials modules completed as required.

109.9(2)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7.
1. _2_ provisional certificates were not valid. A child may not attend the center without a valid immunization certificate on file at the center.

109.10(1): Medications: The center shall have written procedures for dispensing, storage, and authorization, and recording of all prescription and non-prescription medications.Staff must be over 18 to administer medication.All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child’s name.For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.Staff shall not provide medications to a child if pre-service/orientation training for medication management has not been completed.
1. Medications present in the teal room without current medication authorizations.

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

N/A

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule.

1. Ensure all open food items are stored in a sealed container or ziploc and dated for freshness (open goldfish crackers in the blue room).
2. Ensure dishes are completely air dried before being stacked and/or put away.
3. Ensure diaper station spray bottles are labeled for this location only in the purple room.
4. Remove push pins/tacks used to hold up curtains.
5. Discontinue storage of water jugs in the restroom area (yellow room).
6. Review outdoor area fall zone surfacing as the ground thaws to ensure proper depth of the loose fill material in the fall zone area.

The center will continue with a full license. Please correct the item(s) cited and address the concerns noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response.

Date: 03/18/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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**.