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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: APK Early Learning Academy - Dewitt

Provider No.: 51767

Address: 1300 8th AVE, Dewitt, IA, 52742

County: Clinton

Director's Name: Robin McNamara

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5636599412

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HHS Visit Date: 02/04/2026

Licensing Period: 07/01/2026 to 07/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/17/2026

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	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 5:30 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	40	15	30	15	100
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 2/4/26. The center is for profit and is one of two centers owned and operated by Robin McNamara. Robin leases the building. Robin has assumed the center director role since August 2025 and was present for the visit along with other staff. Robin reports working in the child care field for 11 years and owning and managing her own center(s) for the past several years in Iowa. During that time she has also obtained additional training. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. The center director states the center uses a center created curriculum that is theme based. The center operates from the main level of a two story building. The upstairs level is only used for storage. The center reports an enrollment of 18 children at the time of the visit.

The center consists of the following program rooms at the time of this visit: Big room (front room, four year old through school age), twos/threes room (middle room, not in use on the day of the visit), toddler room (back room, 15 months through 23 months, not in use or set up for child care at the time of the visit, previously prek room), and nursery room (zero to 18 months). Program rooms were generally adequately supplied with materials to support program needs. Program rooms all have access to at least one hand washing sink within or immediately adjacent to the program room. The twos/threes and toddler rooms each have a restroom area that is adjacent to the room. The big room restroom area is down a short hallway from the room. Some travel is required for these children to use the restroom. Rooms with children in diapers have appropriate diaper stations located within the program space nearby to a hand washing sink. All program space was observed.

The center does not currently participate in the CACFP. The center serves breakfast, lunch, and snack. Meals are prepared on site with the center director currently as the cook. The center's kitchen area continues appear clean and highly organized.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The owner/director is experienced at operating licensed child care in Iowa. The center is very well managed. The center is bright with large windows and decorated to display items the children have created. Program rooms have been updated to remove some of the older cabinetry which has freed up space and modernized the appearances of the rooms. Materials are organized and accessible. The staff were once again observed to be engaged in activities with the children throughout the center. Required documentation for licensing as well as staff and child files are highly organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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. Medication authorization is missing entries for whether the medication was given or not given.

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

N/A

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.

The new configuration of the center is as follows with the following maximum capacities per room:
Infant room (six weeks to approximately 15 months, CRIBS) = 13 children
School age/prek room (four years through school age) = 30 children
Twos/threes room (two through three years) = 30 children
Toddler room (approximately 15 through 23 months, NO CRIBS) = 27 children

1. Ensure menu changes/substitutions are noted promptly on the menu posted for parents.

The center will continue with a full license. The center is directed to correct the items cited and the items noted above in this section of the report and to submit a written summary to the licensing consultant as to how and when those corrections are/will be completed. The written summary shall be submitted within 30 days of receipt of this evaluation. Thank yo

Date: 03/18/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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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**.