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Name of Center: Tiny Tigers Daycare

Provider No.: 52892

Address: 311 E Division St, Morning Sun, IA, 52640

County: Louisa

Director's Name: Peyton Fenstermaker

On-Site Supervisor: N/A

Phone Number: 3149565350

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HHS Visit Date: 10/07/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2025 to 10/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/25/2025

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Comments: On April 25, 2025, FIRE INSPECTOR: Damien Dawson conducted a fire safety inspection at Tiny Tigers Daycare, located within Morning Sun School, at the request of the facility. Below is a summary of findings and the subsequent agreements made by the new administrator:

Facility Overview:
-At the time of inspection the daycare was operating out of three rooms on the second floor: One room for children aged two and under. Two rooms for children over the age of two.
-As of May 6, 2025, the Administrator confirmed that the childcare room for children aged two and under has been relocated to Room 106, situated on the west side of the building's first floor.
-The infant room serves seven babies, with one additional child expected in the near future. -Neither room has direct egress to the outside, and the building is not equipped with a fire sprinkler system. The new infant room located in Room 106 on the first floor is also not equipped with a fire sprinkler system nor does it have direct egress access at this time.
-There is no documentation available indicating that the rooms currently being used for the daycare were ever approved for occupancy through a formal plan review process.

Administrative Changes & Action Plan:
-A new director will assume responsibility for the childcare operations on or around June 2nd.
-The administrator has committed to:
-Conducting additional weekly fire drills utilizing various staff members and different evacuation scenarios. Once they are in the new rooms, provide increased fire drills until construction is complete.
-Allowing unannounced observation of fire drills by this inspector during operational hours to assess effectiveness.
-Contacting the local Fire Department to notify them of the location of infants now located on the first floor, Room 106 on the West side of the building, and will provide confirmation of that communication.
-Submitting plans to the State for review regarding the two new rooms, the childcare facility will transition into the first floor as soon as school is finished in May.
-Applying for a Variance with construction plan approvals, to allow for time of the door install.
-Increased fire drills for the new infant room until the new door is installed will take place.
-Add all appropriate exit signs/signage before moving into the new rooms, ensuring appropriate heat/smoke detectors/fire extinguishers are in each room as required.
-Providing documentation on how the facility intends to come into compliance.

Fire Safety System Requirements:
-Portable Fire Extinguishers: Minimum rating: 2-A:10-B:C (suitable for common combustibles, flammable liquids, and electrical equipment). Location: Must be wall-mounted or in clearly marked cabinets. Accessible within 75 feet of any point in the facility. Maintenance: o Inspected monthly by staff. Annually serviced by a certified technician.
-Smoke Detection Systems: Required in: Sleeping/napping areas, corridors, and common spaces. May be single-station smoke alarms or part of a monitored system, depending on facility size. Detectors in sleeping areas should be interconnected, triggering all alarms upon activation.
-Emergency Lighting: Required in corridors, stairways, exits, and large toilet rooms. Must operate on battery backup or generator for at least 90 minutes during outages.
-Exit Signs: Must be illuminated at all times, powered by an emergency source. Positioned above/next to all required exits. Directional signage required in open areas and hallways to guide occupants to the nearest exit.

Report Visit Type:

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

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License Type:

[X] Full

[ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

[ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

[X] Year-Round

[ ] School Year

[ ] Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

[ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)

[ ] Toddler

[ ] PreSchool

[ ] School Age

[X] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	10	9	10	10	39
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at TINY TIGERS DAYCARE - 52892 on 10/7/2025 for the child care center's annual visit. The center is located inside of Morning Sun Elementary School. The center has 2 classrooms. They also have access to the gym during the summer. The center is open year around. The center's hours of operation are 7:00am-5:00pm. The center

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provides care for infants-school aged children. The center's current enrollment is 27 children.

The director is Peyton Fenstermaker. The director opened the center in June 2025. She has an Associates degree.

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 not 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.
-staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products.
-infant safe sleep procedures were followed.

The center provides: morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Lunch is provided by the school district. The center provides snacks. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed.

The center curriculum is teacher created. This worker observed the following activities and interactions: Infant room staff actively engaged on the floor with the children. Diaper changes being completed, Bottle feeding. Nap time. The center takes walking field trips only.

Paperwork:
-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 director has established working relationships with Child Care Resource and Referral and their local Child Care Nurse Consultant.
-The center director has done an amazing job of familiarizing herself with Iowa Code 109 and Comm. 204.
-The center uses Brightwheel for open parent communication: including daily sheets, incident reports, pictures, etc.
-Staff files, child files and the licensing notebook were in full compliance.
-Staff did an amazing job of being actively involved with the children.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Ensure that plastic bags (grocery and ziplock are stored inaccessible to the children).
-Ensure that choking hazards are inaccessible to the children under the age of three years: paint dabber lids, art supplies, magnets, toys, etc
-Ensure that cleaning supplies is not stored above dishes or food.
-Replace shaving cream with Mr. Bubbles for sensory play.
-Place child proof latches on refrigerators.
-Diaper creams cannot be stored under the changing table since it would be accessible to the children.

109.11(5): Bathroom facilities: One toilet and sink for each 15 children over two years of age in room with ventilation.
-The center had to relocate to the lower level at the request of the fire department. At this time remodeling will begin in the spring.
-The center can use a portable sink as a temporary solution in the infant to two year old room. Preschool children and school aged children must go to the restroom for appropriate handwashing at required times.
-The better solution would be to have plumbing moved to install a sink now and not wait for spring. This worker has concerns that children and staff's health could be impacted.

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

Remodeling plan will be completed this summer. If not fire inspector, HHS, director and school administration will meet before opening in the Fall of 2026.

Please review the following to understand the importance of handwashing:
https://www.cdc.gov/clean-hands/about/index.html
https://www.cdc.gov/clean-hands/prevention/about-hand-hygiene-in-schools-and-early-care-and-education-settings.html

CDC recommends washing hands with soap and water because handwashing effectively removes germs, dirt, and chemicals from hands. If soap and water are not readily available, using a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol can help staff and children avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others.

Hand sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in many situations. However, hand sanitizers do not eliminate all types of germs, including some germs that cause diarrhea. Always wash hands with soap and water after using the toilet, after handling trash, and when hands are visibly dirty.

Caution!? Keep hand sanitizer out of reach of young children and supervise their use. (Always follow manufacturer's instructions.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations were 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 https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/providerportal/DocumentViewer.aspx?ID=19 and Comm. 204: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/6489/download?inline

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Agencies play a vital role in supporting the quality of child care across Iowa by offering both on-site and virtual consultation services to licensed preschools, Child Care Centers, nonregistered Child Care Home providers and registered Child Development Home (CDH) providers. CCR&R agencies assist providers in complying with state regulations by offering expert consultation, training, and professional development opportunities to enhance the quality of care they provide. A key focus is supporting providers in achieving high performance within the Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) system https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/iq4k, which aims to improve child care quality across the state. In addition to supporting providers, CCR&R agencies also offer parent referral services and consumer education, helping families navigate the child care system and find quality care options.

Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNCs) are registered nurses who have early childhood training and are experts in child health, child care, and child safety. CCNC services are available statewide and are part of the Healthy Child Care Iowa program. ECE providers may call or email questions to their local CCNC about health and safety policies, health records, health resources, and specific child health or safety concerns. To contact your local CCNC go to https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci and click on the “CCNC Local Services Map”

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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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**.