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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Wilton Daycare Center

Provider No.: 20356

Address: 820 W 5th St, Wilton, IA, 52778

County: Muscatine

Director's Name: Samantha Austin

On-Site Supervisor: LuAnn Simmering

Phone Number: 5637325437

E-Mail: wdc@netwtc.net

HHS Visit Date: 02/10/2026

Licensing Period: 07/01/2025 to 07/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/19/2023

Comments: Does Comply.

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 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	17	7	26	0	50
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at WILTON DAYCARE CENTER - 20356 on 2/10/26 for an annual visit. The director is Samantha Austin. Samantha started in 4/2025. She has two associates degrees one in accounting and one in general. The onsite supervisor is LuAnn Simmering. LuAnn started in 2003.

The fire inspection was completed on 7/19/23. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center serves infants to preschool aged children. Their current enrollment is 32. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 6:00am to 6:00pm.

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 is located inside of a commercial building. The center has three classrooms. The center’s playground includes climbing. structures, riding toys, pushing toys, slides, playhouses, etc.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The center offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning, sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, first aid kits, and infant safe sleep.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed. The center does communicate with parents via: ProCare, daily sheets, in person conversations, phone calls, texts, etc.

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The center's curriculum is teacher created.

The center does not offer field trips. Transportation is provided by the school district to pick up/drop off preschool aged children for school preschool.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center recently painted the interior of the building and replaced flooring.
-The center purchased a new stove and shade structure.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
-The center uses ProCare for open communication.

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.
-Several staff needed current Mandatory Reporter, Universal Precautions, First Aid, CPR and Essentials.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
-Two children needed a dentist listed.

109.10(7): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips (away from the center).
-First aid checklist was not completed. Please review: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/2896/download?inline

109.10(13)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
-Fire and tornado drills were not completed in January. The basement is also crowded and needs to be cleaned to ensure appropriate space is available for a tornado. https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/170%20EmergencyDrill_204.pdf

109.11(4)b: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
-The center must have sufficient fall surfacing under climbing structures. Please review:
https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/Playground%20Inspection%2004172026(1).pdf
https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/325_PublicPlaygroundSafetyHandbook2025_7-30-25_1.pdf?VersionId=tpCoaKp.DSdJ0QmD4_29kwEHeQgFphM2

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The director must review the following (Pages 17-18) and review with all staff. Training past due must be completed immediately.
https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/53%20Center%20Guidebook.pdf

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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.”

Date: 05/04/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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**.