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## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool Inc #2

Provider No.: 27700

Address: 630 8th St SE, Altoona, IA, 50009

County: Polk

Director's Name: Shawna Thompson

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5159671029

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HHS Visit Date: 11/20/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2024 to 09/01/2026

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 07/23/2024

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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**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 | 28 | 12 | 64 | 30 | 134 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**1. Basic Overview**

Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool #2 opened in 1998. The center is located in a single standing building. The daycare provides child care services to children ages infancy through school age. Joyce Morr is the owner. Shawna Thompson is the director. Shawna has been employed at the daycare for several years. Shawna has been the director since August 2025.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Shawna assisted with today's visit. Classrooms have schedules posted. Current lesson plans were posted. The PreK uses a learning curriculum, Playing with a Purpose. Mandatory postings are in place by the center's entrance. Children's artwork is displayed in classrooms.

The Bunnies (infants) had four infants present. The class had one staff working today. The Baby Bears (1's) had three children present. Two staff were working in this room. The Teddy Bears (2's) had six children present. There was one staff working with this group. The Butterflies (3's) had ten children present. Two staff were working in this classroom. The Rockets (4/5's) had seven children present. One staff was working with this group. The Super Star (school age) wasn't open during the visit. Children were observed during child directed play and during lunch.

The center has a full kitchen. The center employs a cook. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines. Lunch served today was chicken nuggets, peas, pears, wheat bread and milk.

The center has two playgrounds. The small playground is for children ages one and two. The larger playground is for children ages three and up. There is tile for surfacing material. Playground checks are completed monthly.

The center owns two vans that are used for school transportation and off site field trips.

**2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program**

Shawna has been employed at the daycare for several years, prior to becoming director. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate supplies and furnishings. The center has two playgrounds, one for the toddlers and one for children ages three and up.

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**3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard**

Shawna's SING and federal record checks were overdue.

There were a few classrooms that needed diaper changing procedures postings.

One staff hadn't completed Essentials training in the required time frame.

There was one infant sleeping in a bouncy seat. There was one infant sleeping in a crib with a blanket.
The staff stated she wasn't aware that infants couldn't sleep in bouncy seats. The staff said she was aware that blankets weren't allowed in cribs.
The infant was removed from the bouncy seat and the blanket was removed from the crib during the visit. Shawna said she will address these violations more after the visit. She will ensure any staff working in the infant classroom are aware of safe sleep rules and she is going to post these also.

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

NA

**5. 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 515-725-2635; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) 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.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Date: 12/02/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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