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## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Shea's Learning Days Child Development Center LLC

Provider No.: 40498

Address: 2308 AVE J, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501

County: Pottawattamie

Director's Name: Chanda Long

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 7122569919

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HHS Visit Date: 03/12/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2024 to 01/01/2027

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 10/25/2023

Comments: Correction on 11/13/23. Fire inspections are due every three years. Please get me an updated fire inspection by the due date.

**Report Visit Type:**

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

**License Type:**

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

**Quality initiative:**

Quality Rating: 4

- [ ] Accrediation

**Program Duration:**

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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| HOURS: | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| Sunday | | | |
| Monday | 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM | | |
| Tuesday | 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM | | |
| Wednesday | 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM | | |
| Thursday | 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM | | |
| Friday | 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM | | |
| Saturday | | | |

**Program Population Served:**

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

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Aged | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 12 | 6 | 25 | 24 | 67 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**1. Basic Overview**

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Shea's Learning Days Child Development Center on 3/12/26. The center opened at this location on 5/5/14. Chanda Long continues to be the director. She received her CDA in 2024. Child care services are offered to infants to school age children from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. School age children are only present on no school days or in the summer. There are 52 children enrolled. I met with Amanda Geraets during my licensing visit. Amanda is currently taking NAC. Amanda is not currently the onsite supervisor, but if Chanda is going to be gone, someone should become the onsite supervisor. Amanda said it has been discussed that she become an onsite supervisor but has not been done yet. Amanda is very familiar with the day-to-day operations of the center and understands the Childcare Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures guidelines.

Observation of rooms:
There are two programming rooms. One large room is split into three different groups. The large room separates the children into groups according to age. The Swamp Room is for one-year olds, the Marsh Room is for two-and three- year-olds, and the Jungle Room for the three- and four-year-olds. The children were playing and getting ready for lunch. There is a small slide in the Swamp Room that may need fall surfacing. Staff hold the child's hand when they go down the slide. When the slide is not in use, it is placed outside of the programming room. Please measure the slide and put in fall surfacing, if needed. Your Child Care Nurse Consultant can assist if this is necessary. There is another room, the Ocean Room, which is for infants. The infant room is for children six weeks to 12 months old; however, the center chooses not to move the infants up to the one-year-old room until the child knows how to walk. This is due to the restrooms and diaper changing stations being down the hall and the need for staff to walk the children from the programming rooms to the restrooms for diaper changes. No shoes are allowed on the carpeted area in the infant room. This is a health and safety precaution and is cleaner for children. The room has two sinks; one for hand washing after diaper changing and the other

sink is for meal preparation. The daily sheets looked good. They use the Playground Child Care App. All areas were in ratio. The rooms looked very nice. There are a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The staff were attentive to the needs of the children. The center creates their own curriculum. Katie, who is in charge of the three- and four-year-olds, creates all the lesson plans. The rooms all had lesson plans/activities posted. Fun art work was displayed. The center participates in the IQ4K program - level 4. The restrooms were missing a couple of signs. Amanda printed and posted the signs while I was present. All areas have walkie talkies to call for assistance, if needed.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are prepared on site in the kitchen. The center is on the federal food program. Proper food storage was observed. Menus are prepared on a weekly basis and are posted in the kitchen and on the Playground Child Care App.

Health and safety:
The staff follow the medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication and they have the medication log. One child is on emergency medication. It is kept in a cupboard in the programming room that is out of reach of the children. Although the cupboard is able to be locked, it is left unlocked. Please make sure it is always unlocked as emergency medication should never be locked but needs to be inaccessible to children. All staff are certified medication managers or are scheduled to become medication certified. Fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented each month. Two radon tests were completed in August 2024 with test results of 1.4 pCi/L and 0.9 pCi/L. Testing is due every five years if the readings are below 4.0 pCi/L. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Clean Smart is used to sanitize toys; however, the center plans to begin using Purell Surface once they are out of Clean Smart. The center uses the three-bottle procedure for sanitizing and disinfecting 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing, and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. Toys are sanitized twice a week. Hard surfaced toys are sanitized daily or if mouthed. Chanda reported in the past that the building has all electrical appliances. There are two restrooms for the children which also include diaper changing stations. Sheets for cots are washed at least weekly.

Playground:
The center has a wonderful, fenced playground area. It is split into three areas for different age groups. There is an area for children under two years old, an area for two and older, and an area for five and older. There are a variety of toys, slides, and climbing toys in the different areas. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:
Three staff files were read and were in excellent order. Seven children’s files were read and were in excellent order. Chanda has staff meetings and meets with all staff on an ongoing basis.

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

Chanda is very organized and has excellent skills as the director. She is very proud of the center and the staff. She does nice things throughout the year to show appreciation for her staff. Chanda feels she has good staff relations and has a great group of staff. Staff are not allowed to be on their phones while working and need to be dedicated to caring for the children. Chanda has monthly staff meetings. Chanda sees staff daily. She is proud of how her staff communicates with parents. The center participates in the IQ4K program - level 4. The center applies for grants. Chanda received her CDA. The center is a wonderful resource for the community. The staff have excellent interactions with the children. They are positive, nurturing, and attentive to the needs of the children. They get on the children’s level when providing care. Amanda identified their strengths as they are able to keep everyone on the same page. The staff handbook has been updated to include additional benefits to help encourage staff longevity. Staff are close to one another and are good friends. They feel like part of a family. Staff are able to keep illnesses out of the building because they know their children and are able to identify if a child appears sick. Parents are notified if they notice a difference in a child’s demeanor. Amanda said their goals for the next year are to renovate for a fresh start at the center and organize all areas. They want to clean all areas and reorganize. Amanda is currently taking NAC.

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

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

**5. Special Notes/Recommendations**

A full license is recommended for Shea's Learning Days Child Development Center for 1/1/25 to 1/1/27.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Amanda their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Amanda said she and Chanda have staff let them know if they need a break. Chanda or Amanda will fill in if staff gets overwhelmed. All rooms have walkies to call for help. Amanda took PBIS and there are plans to have other staff enroll. She feels PBIS would be beneficial for all of the staff. Behavioral management is also discussed at orientation.

Date: 03/16/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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.

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