Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Drake University Head Start-Ashworth

Provider No.: 28311

Address: 1025 28th St, West Des Moines, IA, 50266

County: Polk

Director's Name: Lisa Proctor

On-Site Supervisor: Kristen Glenn

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HHS Visit Date: 02/13/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2025 to 02/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/03/2025

Comments: West Des Moines

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 3

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	8:00 AM to 2:45 PM		
Tuesday	8:00 AM to 2:45 PM		
Wednesday	8.00 AM to 2:45 PM		
Thursday	8:00 AM to 2:45 PM		
Friday	8:00 AM to 2:45 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		8	34		42
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Drake Head Start - Ashworth Center has been in operation since 2005. This program is located at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in West Des Moines. The center has a secured entrance. This Head Start program has two toddler classrooms. The toddler programs operate on a year round schedule. There is one traditional classroom, which serves children ages three through five years of age. This class operates during the school year.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. There are classroom schedules and current lesson plans posted by each classroom. All classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate learning supplies, toys and furniture. Children's art work is displayed.

Ashworth 1 had thirteen children present. Heather Armstrong is the lead teacher. There is one assistant teacher in this classroom.
Toddler 1 had eight children present. Kristin Glenn is the lead teacher. There is one assistant teacher is in this classroom.
Toddler 2 had four children present. Andrea Roberts is the lead teacher. This classroom has one assistant teacher. There is an assistant teacher in this classroom.
Children were observed during lunch, during transition times and child directed activities. Children were preparing for rest time during the visit. Staff sit at the tables with the children, modeling age appropriate social skills and supporting children during meals and snacks. Interactions between staff and children were observed to be positive throughout the visit.

The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center gets meals from West Des Moines Schools. Menus are on a four week rotation. Lunch served today was chicken salad, strawberry sauce, wheat rolls and milk. Meals are served

family style.

The center's playground has fencing. There are rubber tiles for surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Head Start Preschools are well supported. Children benefit from Head Start's ability to have other early childhood professionals participate and support children's educational and health needs.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited today.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

This 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 515-362-7823; 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: 02/19/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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