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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Foundations Learning Center

Provider No.: 51521

Address: 3425 Turing St, Ames, IA, 50010

County: Story

Director's Name: Elizabeth Magalhaes

On-Site Supervisor: TBD

Phone Number: 5152069068

E-Mail: director@foundationsames.org

HHS Visit Date: 11/07/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2025 to 12/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/09/2024

Comments: Fire Inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Nevada Fire Dept--Chief Raymond Reynolds.

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	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	7:00 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	16	16	25		57
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An annual unannounced licensing visit was completed 11-7-25. Director Betsy Magalhaes was present during the visit.

Foundations Learning Center was given Permission to Open on 8/23/21. This center is a non-profit center and has a Board of Directors. The center is located in a wing of the Cornerstone Church. Elizabeth (Betsy) Magalhaes is the Director of the center. Betsy has a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education as well as a Bachelor's degree in Child, Adult and Family Services. Betsy has almost 5 years of prior experience in a childcare setting. An on-site supervisor is to be determined.

Foundations Learning Center offers care to children ages 6 weeks up to 5 years of age and center hours are 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

There are four rooms being used by the center and the center uses Teaching Strategies Gold for curriculum in every classroom. The pro-care application is used to communicate with parents. The classrooms were clean and offer a good variety of toys and learning centers. The teachers were nurturing and children were content.

Foundations Learning Center offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

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The center has access to the indoor gym for large motor play activities. The center has an outdoor playground space which is enclosed with chain link fencing. There are two good-sized play structures and a shade structure.

Video monitoring on available on the exterior of the center.

Transportation/Field Trips: NA

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has strong enrollment and provides drop-in and care on short-notice.

The parents are supportive of the center and appreciative of the staff and care their children receive. The center receives positive feedback from parents.

Foundations participates wit WAGES-- Child Care WAGE$® Iowa (WAGE$) is a salary supplement program offered by Iowa AEYC. WAGE$ works hand-in-hand with TEACH Early Childhood® Iowa.

TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) is a comprehensive scholarship program that provides the early childhood workforce access to educational opportunities and is helping establish a well-qualified, fairly compensated and stable workforce for our children.

The center has attained Level 3 in IQ4K. Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) is Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) licensed Child Care Centers and preschools, registered Child Development Homes and programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or nonpublic school. IQ4K® provides five levels of quality (building blocks) that programs can achieve and continue to improve on

The center is working with and partnering with AEA and CCR&R.

The Board of Directors is a strong support for the center.

The staff work well together and are a strong team.

The center has weekly staff meetings.

The Director and On-Site supervisors work well together and are a strong administrative team.

The center will participate in the WAGES program and will be starting the TEACH program.

The Ames library comes out monthly to read to the children.

The center closes for two weeks in December to give staff time off and a holiday break.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

The director indicated awareness there were two months of drill missed and set up a calendar reminder to complete drills monthly.

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

N/A

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon was last completed in 2022.

A full two year license is recommended.

Date: 12/17/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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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