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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Generation Next - West Des Moines

Provider No.: 52960

Address: 5400 University Ave, West Des Moines, IA, 50266

County: Polk

Director's Name: Hali Oberender

On-Site Supervisor: Sara Woody

Phone Number: 5152266017

E-Mail: Hali@GenerationNextIA.com

HHS Visit Date: 02/10/2025

Licensing Period: 08/11/2025 to 08/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected:

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Fire inspection completed 4-9-24 by West Des Moines Fire Dept Mike Whitesell

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] 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
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	44	30	50		124
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Generation Next-West Des Moines was acquired by Cadence Academy in August of 2025; previously operated as Generation Next-Farm Bureau. After the acquisition Cadence Academy; no physical or staffing changes were made to the center with the exception of the name.

Generation Next-West Des Moines is located within the Farm-Bureau Building. The center has a secured/contained area on the ground floor of this corporate building. The director is Hali Oberender and the Assistant Director is Sara Woody; both bringing many years of child care experience along with post-secondary education geared to work with children.

The center uses the Read it Once Again curriculum and the Haggerty Curriculum for the the preschool age children; using a computer/phone application for families and teachers to communicate through the day. The classrooms are set up with dividers in a large room within the building, divided by ages. The teachers are observed to be actively engaged with the children, and children to be content. Classrooms offer a good variety of toys and interest/learning centers. The area of the building occupied by Generation Next West Des Moines was completely renovated in 2024.

Healthy Snacks and Lunch is prepared on-site and with the exception of infants, children eat cafeteria style while Teachers are with them.

The playground, located just adjacent to the center; offers different sections as appropriate for different ages and is enclosed by chain link fencing and has green space along with play equipment with safety surfacing. The playground has two areas of play, separate by ages.

Transportation: NA

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center continues to have waiting lists for several classrooms.

The center has developed a strong relationship and partnership with Farm Bureau.

The staff working at the center are professional and work well together.

The assistant director, Hali, is very organized along with the on-site supervisor (Sara); and they work well as together.

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The center has a Facebook page and a Website and sends out monthly newsletters.

The center has a secured entrance; with exterior or security cameras in the building maintained by Farm Bureau.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects that all below the standards reviewed.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full two year license is recommended.

The menu's reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines for healthy eating.

The center has been nicely renovated and the use of space is good. Staff were consistently observed to maintain good structure in the rooms and the children were content.

Date: 09/10/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson

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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