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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: 12/02/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/13/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] 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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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 12/2/25. 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. There are 52 children enrolled. I met with Chanda and Amanda Geraets during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
There are two programming rooms. One large room is split into three different age groups. The large room separates the children into groups according to age (One-year olds, two-year-olds, and three- and four-year-olds). The children were playing and getting ready for lunch. There is another room for infants. The infant room is for children six weeks to 15 months old. The daily sheets looked good. They use the Playground Child Care App. No shoes are allowed on the carpeted area. 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. 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.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are prepared on site in the kitchen. The center is on the federal food program. Proper food storage was not observed. Please make sure all food is sealed in an air-tight container after opening. Menus are prepared on a weekly basis and are posted.

Health and safety:
The staff follow the medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication, and they have the medication log. All staff are certified medication managers. 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. 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. All hard-surface toys used by children shall be sanitized daily. Please make sure to sanitize all hard-surfaced toys daily. Chanda reported that the building has electrical appliances. There are two restrooms for the children which also include a diaper changing station. Diapers need to have their own container. Soiled diapers shall be stored in containers separate from other waste. Please make sure there are separate containers in the restrooms for diapers and other waste. Please post a handwashing sign in the girls' restroom. Sheets are washed at least weekly.

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Playground:
The center has a wonderful, fenced playground area. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services.

Administrative records:
Two staff files were read and were in excellent order. Six 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 and need to be dedicated to caring for the children. She 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. Chanda's goal for the next year is to do some renovating and updating.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(3): The center was using one container for all garbage in the restrooms, including soiled diapers. Soiled diapers shall be stored in a container separate from other waste.

109.13(5)b: Food was not stored in air-tight containers after opening. Please store all food in air-tight containers after opening.

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.

Date: 12/08/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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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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