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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Bloom Early Learning Center, LLC

Provider No.: 49966

Address: 119 Brick ST SE, Bondurant, IA, 50035

County: Polk

Director's Name: Amy Vandenburg

On-Site Supervisor: Shyanne Davis

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HHS Visit Date: 09/09/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2024 to 09/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 01/14/2025

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Angel Perez; IA Dept of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL)

Report Visit Type:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	17	20	51	30	118
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced annual visit was completed 9-9-25. Director Amy Vandenburg was present for most of the visit.

Bloom Early Learning Center was given Permission to Open on 5/25/18. Keri Alleman is the owner and- had purchased this center from Kids Academy of Bondurant in May of 2018. Kids Academy of Bondurant had been operating a childcare center in this building since May of 2005. Keri owns another daycare center in Huxley, Iowa and brings years of experience and expertise to this center.
This center provides traditional child care and before/after school care for children ages 6 weeks to school-age; Monday through Friday 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.
The director of this program is Amy Vandenburg. Amy is also the director for another center owned by Keri. Amy has been a director since 2018. She has a bachelors degree in early childhood education with a reading endorsement. She had been in child care for several years prior to becoming director. Amy meets the qualifications as director. Shyanne Davis is an on-site supervisor.

Bloom Early Learning Center uses Creative Curriculum and the Brightwheel Computer application to communicate with parents. Each classroom was nicely arranged and had a variety of age/developmentally appropriate learning centers and toys. Teachers were engaged with children either closely supervising a rest period, having snack or meeting individual needs. The children were observed content.

There is an on-site kitchen where meals are prepared and then served cafeteria style while school-age children are in school. During the summer session or no-school days, meals are served family style in the classrooms by staff. The center offers lunch and snacks during the day; menus were in-line with CACFP guidelines for healthy eating.

There are two playground areas. The playground used by infants/young toddler is enclosed by a wooden railing, with fiberglass panels preventing splinters or small fingers/hands from coming through the slats. This playground was surfaced with artificial turf and in very good condition. The playground for older children is on the East side of the building, enclosed by either chain-link or wooden privacy fencing that was sound and in good condition. The was a variety of play structures all in good condition and this area was surfaced by new artificial grass turf.

Transportation/Field Trips: This center owns/maintains two vehicles for field trips in the summer and before/after school transportation. One is a small bus, the other is a van. Both are professionally maintained by a local auto mechanic.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has cameras on the exterior and a secure entrance.

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The staff were observed to work well as a team in their classrooms and the director is supportive of the Teachers.

Staff meetings are held monthly.

The director is organized and invested in the center. The director is able to do more room observations and support staff.

Teachers were engaged with the children; either with close supervision during a rest period, getting snack or with meeting individual needs in the infant room.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. One staff file reviewed did not have the required contact hours of training on file. The director indicated that on-going training hours were discussed in the staff meeting and are expected to be completed with incentives such as not having a pay reduction when the requirements have been met.

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report. One staff file did not have a current physical on file. The director stated the staff has an appointment for a physical to be completed.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training. One staff file indicated expired Mandatory Reporter training. The director had brought this to the attention of the teacher who will complete this training as soon as possible.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Discussion took place with the director; there will be reminders set for evening staff and cleaning crew to ensure the toilets and sinks are cleaned regularly. The Director stated she will check to ensure this deep cleaning is taking place.

Discussion took place and the director did have teachers move the bottle warmer to the back counter in the infant room to enhance safety.

Radon testing was completed in June of 2022. All rooms tested fell below the 4.0 cutoff. Radon testing is required every five years when valuations were below the 4.0 cutoff level.

Date: 09/17/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson

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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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.