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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Stepping Stones Learning Center LLC

Provider No.: 20495

Address: 2205 2nd AVE, Muscatine, IA, 52761

County: Muscatine

Director's Name: Shawna Martin Assistant Director: Jacob Martin

On-Site Supervisor: Michelle Sebastian

Phone Number: 5632641871

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HHS Visit Date: 08/28/2025

Licensing Period: 07/01/2025 to 07/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 12/11/2024

Comments: Does Comply.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 2

- [ ] 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	22	14	49	8	93
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at STEPPING STONES LEARNING CENTER LLC for an annual visit on 8/28/2025. The center provides care for infants-school aged children. They currently have 73 children.

The center is located inside of a commercial building. They have seven classrooms, kitchen, office and storage spaces.

The center's fire inspection was completed on 12/11/2024. All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

The center directors are Shawna Martin and Jacob Marin. Shawna opened the center in 2007. Shawna has her Early Childhood Education (ECE) Diploma. Jacob completed the National Administrator Credential and has a Early Childhood Education (ECE) Diploma. Jacob started at the center in 2007.

The on-site supervisor is Michelle Sebastian. She started in 2007.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing/diapering procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit. Infant safe sleep practices were observed.

The center utilizes Creative Curriculum. The center does not offer field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

The center communicates with parents by via: ProCare, in person communication, emails, and phone calls.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.
-The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program.
-The center accepts Child Care Assistance.
-Staff and child files were in full compliance.
-Classrooms are clean and nicely organized. The children's artwork were displayed in every classroom.
-The center has secured entrances and video cameras in every classroom.
-Several staff are ServSafe Certified.

-Staff were actively engaged with the children.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

N/A

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. The director is reminded to review the updated Iowa Comm. 204: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/6489/download?inline The director is encouraged to work with their Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Consultant https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/ and their Child Care Nurse Consultant https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

Date: 08/31/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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**.