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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool Inc

Provider No.: 25214

Address: 105 3rd ST SE, Altoona, IA, 50009

County: Polk

Director's Name: Annette Sauer

On-Site Supervisor: Melissa Barkema

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HHS Visit Date: 10/01/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/29/2026

Comments:

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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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

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	30	26	55	69	180
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Altoona Kidsworld Daycare has been in operation since 1990. This center provides child care services to children ranging from infancy through school-age. The center is located in a single standing building that was previously a church. The daycare serves children ages infancy through school age. Joyce Morr is the owner of this center, in addition to Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool #2. Annette Sauer has been the director since August 1999. Annette has been employed at this center since 1993. Melissa Barkema is the on site supervisor. Melissa has been assistant director since January 2007.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Current enrollment is 88. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are posted at the center's entrance. Each classroom has a schedule. Current lesson plans were available today. Each classroom contain a nice amount of age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning materials. Classrooms with children ages two and older have defined interest centers. Children's artwork is displayed in the classrooms and hallways.

Annette assisted with today's visit. There were five infants in the Bunnies (infants). There were two staff working in this classroom. The Baby Bears (older infants) had six infants present. There were two staff were working in this room. Eight children were present in the Busy Bees (2's). Two staff were working in this class. The Butterflies (2/3's) had eight children present. There were two staff were working with this age group. In the Rocket Room (4's/5's), there were thirteen children. One staff was working in this room. The Super Stars room (school age) wasn't open during the visit.

Children were observed in their classrooms. Children were observed resting, during transition times and playing in the interest areas within their rooms. Staffs' interactions were observed to be positive throughout the visit.

The center has a full kitchen. The center employs a cook. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and an

afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed and showed compliance except for a few items that will be removed unless served as additional items. Menus are on a four week rotation.

The center has three playground areas. There is a playground designated for toddlers - 2's. There is concrete and rubber tile for surfacing. There is a playground designated for 2's and 3's. There is concrete and rubber tile for surfacing. Both of these playgrounds have riding toys and other outdoor toys. The playground for 4's and up has rubber tile and concrete also. There is a large climbing structure. There are other smaller toys and other outdoor play materials in place for the children. Monthly checks are completed by staff.

The center owns two buses that are used for school transportation and off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Annette has been the director of this center for many years. Annette has a NAC accreditation. She provides a lot of support and expertise to the team of staff members. The on site supervisor has been employed at the center for many years as well. The classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings and supplies.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

There were a few classrooms and the hallway upstairs that needed more light during rest time. Staff need to be able to observe children during rest time and to be able to exit easily if an emergency would occur during naptime. Annette said she would review this with staff.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823-; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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Date: 10/05/2026

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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