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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Wildcat ABC Child Care

Provider No.: 27183

Address: 405 School ST, Carlisle, IA, 50047

County: Warren

Director's Name: Mandi Shaffer

On-Site Supervisor: Crystal Kruse

Phone Number: 5159893972

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HHS Visit Date: 10/20/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/26/2023

Comments: 9/6/23 date of compliance
2/20/24 - new addition

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:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				185	185
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Wildcat ABC has been in operation since 1990. The center is located in the Carlisle Methodist Church and the center is governed by the church board. The center occupies several classrooms within the church. The center provides child care for school age children. Mandi has been the director since December 2007. Mandi has a BA in Human Resources Management. Mandi was the assistant director prior to becoming the director. Crystal is the on site supervisor. She has been employed with the center since 2012.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed today. Mandatory postings are in place in the office. Lesson plans/schedules are posted in classrooms. Each classroom is supplied with games, toys, arts/crafts and learning materials.

Crystal assisted with today's visit. There were twelve staff were working at the time of the visit. There were sixty four children present at the time of the visit. There were seven classrooms being used during the visit: Faith, Peace, Trust, Praise Joy, Glory and Believe. All of the classrooms met ratio requirements. Today was all day programming. Children were watching movies in each class during the visit. All movies being watched were appropriate for child care.

The center uses a spacious kitchen. Children eat in the Family Life Center. The center participates in the federal food program. During the summer months, the center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. During the school year, the center serves breakfast and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation. Children eat in the kitchen.

The center has an outdoor play area for the children but generally uses the school's playground, which is located across the street.

For off site field trips, the center contracts with the school bus for transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Mandi has been the director of this program for many years. The on site supervisor has been been employed with the child care center for many years also. The center benefits from their experience and leadership. The new addition is spacious and has classrooms that are well supplied with toys and age appropriate furnishings.

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3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
There are two staff members that have expired SING checks.

109.6(4)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
There is one staff that has an expired federal record check.

109.10(1): Medications: The center shall have written procedures for dispensing, storage, and authorization, and recording of all prescription and non-prescription medications.Staff must be over 18 to administer medication.All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.Staff shall not provide medications to a child if pre-service/orientation training for medication management has not been completed.
There are two children who have epi pens at the center. The epi pens and med authorization forms are expired.

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.

Crystal said they will get updated allergy action plans, med authorization forms, and current epi pens from the parents. Criminal record checks will be updated this week.
This worker recommended the center get mats with sheets and/or cots for children who nap in the afternoon on all day programming days. This worker observed a child sleeping directly on the carpet in one of the classrooms.

*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.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Date: 10/21/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultants

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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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