Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Natural Wonders Learning Center

Provider No.: 50179

Address: 1512 Westwood DR, Jefferson, IA, 50129

County: Greene

Director's Name: Nicole Timmons

On-Site Supervisor: Brittanie Siruta - Russell

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HHS Visit Date: 10/30/2025

Licensing Period: 12/01/2024 to 12/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/11/2024

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years per licensing regulations.

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	16	12	26	16	70
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 10/30/25. The owner/director was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Natural Wonders Learning Center is a center in Jefferson, IA that was given permission to open on 8/20/18. The center is owned by Nicole Timmons. Nicole is also the director of the center. Nicole has a BA degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. Nicole has 10 plus years of experience working in child care in both a school and a child care setting. The on-site supervisor as of 5/2024 is Brittanie Siruta - Russell. Brittanie has worked at this program for several years and has taken a number of professional development training to meet requirements for on-site supervisor.

The center serves children six weeks in age to 12 years in age using the Creative Learning Curriculum (switching to Frog Street in the near future). The center is open year-round. There are a total of five classrooms. The infant classroom has a capacity of eight children. The toddler classroom has a capacity of eight children. The two year old classroom has a capacity of 12 children. The three/four year old classroom has a capacity of 26 children. The five/school-age classroom has a capacity of 16 children.

During the visit, school-age children were not present as they were in school. In the infant classroom, all of the children were awake and either being held, being bottle fed, or on tummy time. In other classrooms, children, were napping on cots. Toys and other items are being cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected daily. Staff gave specific answers as to where they

relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center meets a need in the community. Enrollment remains steady.

The center was nicely decorated and clean.

The center uses Bright Wheel which is an electronic application for daily sheets and other licensing functions.

The center employs a full-time cook.

The director has lots of experience working in the child care/school setting.

Staff pictures were posted near the main entrance.

Quarterly all-staff meetings are held.

The owner stated she felt like she has a good staff working for her. Staff work well together and have good communication with each other and support each other.

The center has security cameras. There is also a secure entrance into the center.

Playground renovations were completed over the past year.

The center received a grant over the past year that also went towards upgrades to the center.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7.
One child was missing an immunization record.

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

One child was missing an immunization record. The owner/director will reach out to the parents on obtaining a signed/dated immunization record.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing was last tested 12/24/21 - 12/28/21. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years. It was noted at last year's visit that the center had been working with a radon mitigation specialist.

It was previously noted that the carbon monoxide detector is built into the building systems.

The annual furnace inspection was completed on 10/29/25.

The center has a bus that is used for field trips. The bus has a first-aid kit and staff take children's emergency contacts with

them for all field trips. The bus was not observed at this year's visit as it was getting serviced.

For nutrition, the center provides an AM snack, lunch, and PM snack to children. Food storage was sufficient.

IQ4K and I-Power were again discussed at the visit. The center is working on the IQ4K process. Staff should continue to upload training certificates into their I-Power profiles and also keep hard copies in individual files.

It was noted that one child is within their 30 day grace period of needing an updated physical.

Date: 10/31/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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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