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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Crayon Corner Learning Center

Provider No.: 17932

Address: 409 Washington St, Gladbrook, IA, 50635

County: Tama

Director's Name: Amber Gebel

On-Site Supervisor: Megan Weber

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HHS Visit Date: 06/10/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2026 to 06/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/04/2026

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Tyler Coyle--Fire Inspection, 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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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 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	12	12	40	16	80
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced annual off year visit was completed 6/20/26. The director was present throughout the visit.

Crayon Corner Learning Center has been in operation for many years, providing child care in the current location since June 2010. The center is located in a single standing building. The center provides child care services to children ages infancy through school age. The center offers before and after school care for school age children as well as summer programming for school age children.

During the school year, the center offers Preschool with a morning session M-F from 8:30 am to 11:15 am for three year old children and an afternoon session from 12:30 pm to 3:15 pm for four and five year old children.

Amber Gebel is Director for the center. Amber has worked at this center for the past nine years and meets qualifications for this position. Megan Weber is the assistant director; she has resumed this role after previously holding the same position. She has prior experience as an assistant director along with prior child care experience. She meets qualifications for this role.

Room observations/Activities: The center works with the school district to provide the SWVPP program, started for three and four year old children. The center utilizes creative curriculum and the procare application to communicate with families. The children were content and readily approached teachers if they needed. Classrooms offer a variety of age/developmentally appropriate play centers and toys. Handwashing signs are posted and good handwashing technique was utilized. The center uses bleach, and soapy water for cleaning/sanitation.

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Nutrition Practices: There is an onsite kitchen and dedicated staff. The center is enrolled in the CACFP food program and as such menus are inline with CACFP requirements. The cook and director craft menus, which rotate seasonally. Meals/snacks are served family style in the classroom. The center offers breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

Health/safety: Medication is stored securely and the director/AD administers when necessary. All rooms had first aid kits. Tornado and Fire emergency plans and diagrams were posted; drills were documented to have been completed monthly. Radon testing was completed in 2022; HVAC is inspected professionally twice yearly. Carbon monoxide detectors are located in the hallway. The center has crafted a disaster plan that enables off-site evacuation if necessary that is trained upon hire and then annually for staff.

Playground: Playground safety checks have been completed as required; The playground is enclosed with chain link an offers play equipment and shade structures. Surfacing is grass and rubber chips. The playground appears in good repair.

Transportation/Field Trips: The center does not offer transportation. Field trips are walking. The school bus does transport students to and from the center during the school year.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This building was constructed specifically for a daycare center. The classrooms are nicely organized offering a good variety of toys and play centers along with natural lights.

The center has a strong relationship with the Gladbrook - Reinbeck School District.

The center has video monitoring in all rooms.

The staff work well together and are dedicated to the center.

The center receives strong support from the Board of Directors.

The center has strong community support.

The center participates in the food program. .

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

There were not aspects identified that fall below the standard.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center participates in the food program and their menus reflect they are following the CACFP guidelines.

Radon testing is now required every five years if testing is under the 4.0 cutoff. The center last conducted radon testing in April of 2022 and all rooms tested fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

The center has geo-thermal heat and this is inspected every fall.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with the center director their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The director indicated that staff meetings help develop behavior management techniques along with yearly trainings that staff are to complete. The center has utilized AEA and school to help address and stabilize behavioral management with special programming as well.

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Date: 06/13/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIVma

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