Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Panorama Daycare Center **Enrollment:** 73 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52454

Street: 1301 East Church ST **City:** Panora Iowa **Zip** 50216 **County:** Guthrie

Mailing Address: PO Box 784, Panora, IA, 50216

Director's Name: Christine Litwiller **Phone Number:** 641-755-2541

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kristen Kiltr and Marla Hammer **E-Mail:** panoramadaycarecenter@gmail.com christineah98@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-02-2025

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-05-2024

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 02-27-2024

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	12	29	46	95
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 06-03-2025

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year inspection visit was conducted on 6/2/25. 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.

Panorama Daycare Center is a newer center located in Panora, IA that was given permission to open on 4/29/24. The center serves children six weeks in age through 12 years in age using their own learning curriculum that they developed using several other learning curriculums. There are a total of six classrooms. There are drop in services available.

The owner and director of this center is Christine Litwiller. Christine has an AA degree in Early Childhood Education and has past experience working in child care. The on-site supervisors are Kristen Kiltr and Marla Hammer. Both individuals were approved as on-site supervisors as they meet the requirements.

During the visit, children were observed being held and sitting in a bouncy seat, napping on cots, and engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations made available to them. Staff and school-age children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a new center that meets a need in the community. Enrollment has greatly increased over the past year.

The owner/director is organized.

The center works regularly with CCR&R. The director participates in quarterly meeting with other area directors of other centers.

There is a lot of storage space.

The playground space is very large. New playground equipment and surfacing have been added within the past year.

There is a break room for staff.

The center uses the Playground electronic app for forms and communication with parents.

The center has a Yoga and other fitness programs for children to participate.

There is a secure entrance into the program.

The center was very clean.

There are drop in services available.

The center is a pick up/drop off site for school-age children during the school year.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.9(2)c: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.
For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.
Number not in compliance: 4 children were missing physicals. It is not an option to not have an annual physical on file for all children enrolled.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 0
Number invalid: 1 immunization record was not signed/dated.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
1. Bolts along the fence will need to be cut/capped. Some were and some were not.
2. There was a dangling cord in the infant classroom that needs to be more securely fastened to the wall. This was a cord to a noise maker.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
These were missing on the day of the inspection.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
This was due no later than 4/29/25 and is now past due. All classrooms will need to be tested.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
This is past due as it was due no later than 4/29/25.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

As stated last year, "The center will have to conduct radon testing in all classrooms no later than 4/29/25. All classrooms have to come back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. If any classroom has levels that come back 4.0 or higher, retesting is needed and with assistance of a radon mitigation specialist to get levels below 4.0. The center would then remain on a two year testing plan. If radon levels in all classrooms come back below 4.0, the center can at least temporarily move to testing every five years".

As stated last year, "The HVAC system will need to be checked annually. This should be tested before 4/29/25".

It was previously noted that the carbon monoxide detector is built into the fire alarm system.

The center does not transport or go on field trips. The center will bring in different agencies from time to time for presentations to children.

Last year, it was stated, "Monthly playground checks will need to be conducted once the center has playground equipment. This form was also again sent to the center after the visit concluded".

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed. It appears all staff have I - Power profiles. Staff will need to continue to upload their training certificates. The owner stated she has had preliminary conversations with CCR&R in regards to IQ4K.

It is recommended that at least one of the Little Tikes slides be removed from the playground to ensure sufficient fall zones are met.

Come July 1, 2025, new staff will have six months from date of hire to have a physical on file.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*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.