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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Sheldon Community Daycare & Preschool

Provider No.: 29521

Address: 1221 E 6th Street, Sheldon, IA, 51201

County: Obrien

Director's Name: Taylor Caskey

On-Site Supervisor: Alyssa Smith

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HHS Visit Date: 09/04/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2024 to 10/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/04/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] 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:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	44	24	85	32	185
Summer	44	24	136	32	236

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit at this center on 09/04/25. I was able to speak with Director Taylor Caskey. Taylor has a Childhood Development associate degree and several years of experience working in a childcare center. This center is unique in that it has several on-site positions. This on-site staff participate in the record keeping of the center. This process contributes to their records which were all updated and appropriately filed.

Sheldon Community Daycare & Preschool (Children's World) is a comprehensive non-profit childcare facility that was constructed specifically for use as a childcare facility. They provide care for infants through school-age children Monday through Friday 5:30am to 6pm. The main door to the center is locked and can only be accessed by parents who have the pass code or staff must let people in. There are 168 children currently enrolled in this program. At the time of my visit there were 118children present. The center has 10 rooms including 2 weeks to 6 months, 6 months to 1 year, 1year to 18 months, 18 months to 2 years, 2-year-old room, 3-year-old room, 4/5-year-old room, 5-year-old room and two school age rooms. The program also has a room for 3-year-old preschool which is only used during the school year for 3-year-olds. The 3-year-old preschool program is offered either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursdays from 8:30am to 11:30am each day.

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

The center implements the Funshine Creative Curriculum, which is designed to provide a developmentally appropriate, engaging, and hands-on learning experience for children. Daily activity scheduled are posted.

The classroom is well-organized, with displays throughout the room that include numbers, colors, shapes, the alphabet, feelings posters, a helpers list, children's artwork, and pictures of children's families.

Children have access to a variety of learning and exploration areas, including art, blocks, books, puzzles, sensory tables, cars, Legos, dramatic play, and games. A daily schedule of activities is posted, and there are enough toys and equipment to meet the needs of all children. Restroom facilities are readily accessible to children. During the observation, staff were noted to engage with children in a positive and supportive manner, guiding them through activities and providing redirection as needed. Overall, the classroom environment promotes learning, socialization, and the development of appropriate age skills while ensuring children's safety and well-being.

The center also provides multiple playground areas designed to serve the different age groups of children in the program. All playground equipment is age-appropriate and well-maintained. The center is currently working on resurfacing some playground areas and hopes that, in the future, all playgrounds will have rubber mat surfacing to further enhance safety.

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Monthly tornado drills and fire drills were completed. Daily playground inspections were currently. First aid kids were nicely stocked to treat any minor injuries. Randon is within levels.

The Center is very clean and organized.

Their goal is to focus on their increasing their level in IQ4K.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The Center uses Pro-Care throughout the center which help to better communicate with parents.

Staff is committed to the children in their care. They are also more invested as staff is part of the record keep process and day to day activities.

My observations include staff that is engaging to their children. They all have completed PBIS training which is a training to use positive behavioral Interventions and supports. It aims to create a positive space for learning and growth

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(13)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

109.11(2)b: Program space must meet the following conditions: Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all children who nap. Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing must be maintained. The center will have sufficient toilet articles for each child for hand washing.
Hand washing signs by sinks.

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

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Please confirm by email to the consultant by 10/01/25 that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

Date: 09/08/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.