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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Stay N Play Childcare

Provider No.: 18567

Address: 1811 27th Ave S, Clinton, IA, 52732

County: Clinton

Director's Name: Megan Comstock

On-Site Supervisor: none

Phone Number: 5632421214

E-Mail: snp@staynplay.org

HHS Visit Date: 04/09/2026

Licensing Period: 12/01/2026 to 12/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/10/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] 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:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	6	6	40		52
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 4/9/26. The center director, Megan Comstock, was present along with other staff. Megan is qualified with an associate's degree in education with a focus on early childhood education, has worked at this center since 1994, center director since 2016, and years of continuing education. This program is non-profit and is owned and operated by the Clinton Housing Authority. There is a well-defined organizational structure. The program is governed by a voluntary board of directors that is appointed by the mayor. The program operates on the main level of its own building. The center currently provides care to children age two through 12 years. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. The center director states the center uses a theme/season based center created curriculum with the prek program using whatever curriculum(s) are prescribed by the school district. The center reports enrollment of 43 children at the time of the visit.

The center consists of three separate program rooms. The director describes that the children move through the rooms in the proper age groupings with the main room being a centers area, the back room having more table activities, and the side room having centers and circle time areas. A separate eating area is adjacent to the back room. The director advises that school age children would typically be grouped with the four/five year old children as required. The computer area in the back room is used for school age children and staff. Program rooms and materials are organized and are well-maintained. The main and side rooms have a restroom area adjacent and a hand washing sink within the program room. There is also a hand washing sink located within the lunch room area. The back room includes an appropriate diapering station and hand washing sink. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack, all prepared on site by the cook who has been employed at the center for many years. The kitchen area continues to be very organized. The center does participate in the

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CACFP. All children currently eat meals and snacks together in the eating area at separate, developmentally appropriate tables and chairs for each group.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center continues to be very well managed by a qualified director who has worked at the center for many years. The staff appear to work quite well together, and several staff have also worked at the center for a number of years. The center continues at IQ4K level one rating. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities, and the children appeared to be enjoying their preschool/childcare experience. The program does offer scholarship grants in conjunction with empowerment grants for many of the three year old children who attend. The program may partner with a nearby substance abuse facility where mothers and children reside to enable the mothers to attend counseling, find and maintain work, and attend necessary appointments. Program rooms are bright with windows and are colorfully decorated with the children's projects and other various postings. Staff and child files and other licensing information continue to be highly organized at this center.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

N/A

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule.

1. Replace toilet seat in the back room restroom area as it is presently worn to the extent it may not be properly cleaned and disinfected.
2. Ensure kitchen door is kept closed at ALL times.
3. Ensure sink in the kitchen is not used for hand washing.
4. Update one epi pen that is expired recently.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation and concerns noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 04/29/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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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