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

Name of Center: 100 Acre Woods Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 57 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25854

Street: 805 Guthrie ST **City:** De Soto Iowa **Zip** 50069 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 2808 Ashwood DR, Urbandale, IA, 50322

Director's Name: Amanda Grems (formerly Sharp) **Phone Number:** 515-834-9214

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kristin Montes - Deoca **E-Mail:** 100awkids@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-11-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-11-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-15-2022

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	14	13	20	15	62
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 07-12-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 7/11/23. The director, Amanda Grems, 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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

100 Acre Woods in located along a main highway in De Soto, IA. The center's owners are Todd and Traci Vorpahl. Amanda Grems is the center director as of 6/17/19. Amanda has worked in child care for several years and has taken enough training to be a director. The on-site supervisor as of 4/2017 is Kristin Montes - Deoca. Kristin has worked at this center for several years and meets the requirements for on-site supervisor.

The center serves children ages six weeks to 12 years in age and they utilize the Kaplin Learn Every Day Learning Curriculum as well as the Creative Learning Curriculum in their teachings. There are six classrooms total between the main and lower levels of the center.

During the visit, children were observed having tummy time, having a diaper changed, washing hands, napping on cots, and engaged in free- choice play at the different learning stations in the classrooms. Staff were actively engaged with children and their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

There is a secure entrance into the center. Parents are given a code. All other visitors have to ring a doorbell for entrance.

There is an intercom system throughout the center. The center also has a security camera system in place in classrooms and the outdoor playground areas.

The center has a lot of extra storage space.

The center works regularly with AEA, their nurse consultant, and United Way.

The center is starting the IQ4K process which is voluntary and based on best practice.

Monthly staff meetings are held.

Enrollment remains steady.

Within the past year, the younger playground has had some renovations, interior painting of classrooms has been completed, and several child-size toilets and sinks have been installed.

The center employs a preschool teacher who has a teaching degree for their preschool program.

The center participates in Smile Squad where a dentist comes to the center for teeth cleaning and screening.

A literacy consultant also visits the center on a regular basis for literacy screening of children.

The director continues to feel that she had a good mix of tenured and new staff with more newer staff this year compared to last year.

Several staff are using the TEACH program.

The center uses the smart phone app, Playground for many of their forms and another way to communicate with parents.

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

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served. Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum. Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
A full day schedule was missing in the three year old classroom and the school-age classroom.

109.12(4): Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.
All children napping need to have sheets on their cots or some other type of blanket between the child and the cot.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last conducted 8/9/22 - 8/12/22. All classrooms came back with radon levels 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.

The annual furnace inspection was completed 4/5/23.

It was previously noted that he center does walking only field trips for younger children. Children four and older can go on field trips away from the center. The center has a van that they use for field trips. The van has regular maintenance performed.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

There is one Ash tree on the bigger children's playground that is dead and will be removed in the near future.

One child immunization record will need to be transferred to a State of Iowa approved form.

It is recommended parents have at least one emergency contact person listed other than just themselves.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The application and payment were sent in on 7/11/23 or will be on 7/12/23 per the director.

*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.