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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Ankeny Lil' Tots Daycare & Preschool LLC

Provider No.: 43390

Address: 732 SE Shurfine DR, Ankeny, IA, 50021

County: Polk

Director's Name: Erica Pierce/Keyara Adams

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HHS Visit Date: 05/14/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/17/2026

Comments: Fire inspections due at least every three years; Completed by Tyson Hood, Lieutenant of Community Risk Reduction, Ankeny Fire Dept. The fire inspection noted a few repairs that were later completed, verified 7/15/26 by Lt. Hood.

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	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 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	57	32	84	45	218
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was conducted 5/14/26 with both co-directors present for the visit.

This center opened in June 2014. Karrie Bodecker is the owner of this center. She was a registered in-home provider for 19 years prior to opening this center. There are two directors; Keyara Adams who has worked in child care since 2010 and Erica Pierce who has an associate degree in Early Childhood. Erica has worked in the field since 2010. Erica and Keyara meet the requirements for their positions.

This center is doing business as Ankeny Lil Tots Learning Academy; the LLC will remain Ankeny Lil' Tots Daycare and Preschool, and ownership remains the same.

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.

This center has 12 classrooms. They also have a 2500 square foot indoor large motor play area located at the front of the center. In addition, they have another indoor/outdoor playground area at the back of the center that is 3000 square foot in size. There is a large play area inside the center, and when the garage door is opened, the children can also play outdoors.

The center provides traditional child care to infants up through school age children.

The center hours are from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm.

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Room observations/Activities: The center has developed their own curriculum by pulling from Iowa Early Learning Standards and the center also communicates with the Ankeny school district about their assessments regarding readiness for kindergarten and incorporates this into their curriculum. Ankeny Lil tots uses Tadpoles as an application to communicate with parents. Classrooms were observed to be fairly organized and offer a good variety of toys and learning centers. The children were content and staff were responsive to the children. One toilet was observed to to have a cracked seat; which was sectioned off until repair was completed.

Nutrition Practices: Ankeny Lil Tots offers breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. This center has an on-site kitchen and dedicated staff. The center is enrolled in the food program and menus appear in-line with CACFP as required. The menus are crafted by the directors and rotated each month. The kitchen was nicely organized and clean with menu's posted. Meals are served family-style in the classrooms. Foods were observed to be stored properly and to be fresh, including the milk supplies.

Playground: The playground is located at that back of the center and is enclosed with chain link. There is natural shade and shade structures. The playground is sectioned by ages. Directors did complete a recent training to ensure staff are spread out on the playground to maintain active supervision.

Transportation: The center has vans and offers field trips and transportation from some Ankeny Schools.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

There are many long term staff at the center. The directors work well together. The directors and owners work to promote teachers working well together.

The center has a family atmosphere and is responsive to parents.

The center has a Facebook page and a website.

The center has a secure entrance and video monitoring.

The Directors are almost always at the center and assist in the classrooms if necessary.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

109.9(2)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

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109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.Sufficient lighting shall be provided.Sufficient ventilation.Sufficient heating.Sufficient cooling.Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.

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

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
--A staff file reviewed did have an expired SIGN (Iowa) Background check
--This was updated during the visit

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
--Staff files reviewed were missing annual training certifications of completion
--The directors would address this with the staff in a staff meeting to update training and keep records for review

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years.
--A staff file reviewed had an expired physical form
--The directors would have the staff provide an updated physical exam form/place in file

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
-A staff file reviewed did have an expired CPR/First Aid training certificate in the file
--Director would have staff update the training and place updated certificate in the file

109.9(2)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7.
--A child file did not contain certificate of immunization or Exemption
--Directors would obtain this information from the family and place on file

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--Child files reviewed; some with expired year physical exam reports
--Directors will obtain this information and/or have family update the physical exam with report to place in child file

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
--Cracked toilet seat was observed, sectioned off and repaired shortly after the visit occurred.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing is now required every five years if testing is under the 4.0 cutoff. The center last completed radon in March of 2024 and all rooms fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

The furnace is inspected annually; 6/2025.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with the center directors their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The directors indicated that they are onsite and available to assist with behavior management. The center has worked with outside agencies in the past like AEA to assist

children in the classroom.

Date: 07/15/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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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