# Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Unity Point Health Child Development Center

Provider No.: 26547

Address: 1019 Chestnut ST, Des Moines, IA, 50309

County: Polk

Director's Name: Sue Huffman

On-Site Supervisor: Donna Kennebeck

Phone Number: 5152418827

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HHS Visit Date: 08/28/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 04/04/2025

Comments:

**Report Visit Type:**

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

**License Type:**

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

**Quality initiative:**

- [X] Accrediation — Comments: NAEYC

**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:**

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

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Aged | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 93 | | 129 | | 222 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**1. Basic Overview**

Unity Point Health Child Development Center has been providing child care services since 1979. The center serves children ages infancy through preschool age. The center is located in a single standing building. The center has a secured entrance. Sue Huffman has been the director since 2013. Sue has a Bachelors in Management. Sue has been at Unity Point Health Child Development Center since 1983. Donna Kennebeck is the On Site Supervisor. She began in this role in March 2013. Donna has a BA in Early Childhood Education.
She has been employed at the center since 2003.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed today. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted in each classroom. The classroom has developmentally appropriate furnishings, supplies, toys and learning supplies. Classrooms have defined interest centers.

Sue and Donna assisted with today's visit. The center has four infant classrooms. The center has three toddler (1's) classrooms. There are three 2's classroom. There are two 3's classrooms. There is one 4/5's classroom. There was one 4/5's classroom that wasn't open today.
All classrooms were at or above ratio requirements. Children were observed in classrooms. Children were observed during transition times, during rest time, during child directed play and learning activities.

The center provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Meals are provided from Iowa Methodist cafeteria staff. Menus are on a four week rotation. Menus reviewed showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

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The center has a playground with fencing. There are several small climbing structures. There is poured rubber for surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide any transportation.

**2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program**

This center is accredited through NAEYC. Sue has served as director of this center for many years. Donna has served as assistant director for many years. The center benefits from their leadership and experience. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate toys and furnishings. Lead teachers of the classrooms have a two year degree or more. Teacher assistants have CDA's. Administrative records are well maintained.

**3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard**

There were no violations cited during the visit.

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

NA

**5. Special Notes/Recommendations**

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

Date: 08/29/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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**.