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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Native American Child Care Center

Provider No.: 30100

Address: 1735 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA, 51106

County: Woodbury

Director's Name: David Frazier

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 12/03/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/04/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		7:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Tuesday		7:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Wednesday		7:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Thursday		7:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Friday		7:30 AM to 1:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		12	40		52
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit to this center on 12/03/25. I was able to speak with Director, David Frazier as well as other dedicated staff members. The center is proud to have a team of dedicated professionals, many of whom have been with the organization for several years. This longevity reflects a deep commitment to the mission of supporting children and families. Mr. Frazier became the center's director in May 2023. He holds a master's degree in business and brings both administrative expertise and hands-on experience working with children. Since stepping into his role, Mr. Frazier has focused on strengthening community partnerships and expanding the center's reach. He has built strong relationships within the daycare and preschool community, using these connections to support collaboration, share best practices, and identify new grant opportunities.

The Native American Child Care Center is a non-profit childcare program located in the lower level of Grace United Methodist Church. Due to a recent decline in enrollment, the center is currently operating out of two classrooms. Despite this, the program remains a vital resource for the community. The center currently has 12 children enrolled in the program and 10 children were present at the time of my visit.

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

The center utilizes the Creative Curriculum and GOLD assessment system. This approach emphasizes hands-on, project-based learning that supports the development of the whole child—socially, emotionally, physically, and cognitively. The Creative Curriculum provides a structured yet flexible framework that encourages exploration and discovery, while GOLD is an ongoing assessment tool that helps teachers track each child's progress and tailor instruction to meet individual

developmental needs. Together, these tools ensure that children are not only prepared for kindergarten but are also growing in confidence, curiosity, and foundational skills. Children's artwork is proudly displayed throughout the center, creating a warm and welcoming environment that celebrates creativity and learning. In addition to student art, the classrooms feature a variety of visual aids such as classroom rules, expectations, the alphabet, and numbers—reinforcing daily learning in a visually engaging way. Recently, the children participated in culturally enriching art projects, including the creation of miniature teepees and Native American-style drums. These activities not only support fine motor development and creativity but also help children connect with cultural traditions in meaningful, age-appropriate ways. Schedules are posted.

Meal service at the center is thoughtfully coordinated to support children's nutritional needs. Lunch is provided through the Sioux City School District, while breakfast and snacks are prepared and served by the center. Observations confirmed that good food storage practices are in place, ensuring safety and quality. The center follows the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) guidelines, which promote balanced, nutritious meals for growing children. Weekly menus are clearly posted, helping families stay informed about what their children are eating each day.

The center follows proper guidelines for administering medication, ensuring that children's health needs are met safely and responsibly. A well-stocked first aid kit is available and sufficient to treat minor injuries. Monthly fire and tornado drills are documented, demonstrating the center's commitment to emergency preparedness. Additionally, environmental safety measures are in place: radon testing has been completed, and results were within the normal range, the annual furnace inspection has been conducted, and a functioning carbon monoxide detector is present in the facility.

The center has access to a fenced-in playground located adjacent to Grace United Methodist Church. The outdoor space includes climbing equipment and a slide, with rubber tiles installed beneath and around the play structures to help cushion falls and enhance safety. Shade is available on the playground, providing a comfortable environment for outdoor play. Monthly playground inspections are conducted to ensure the equipment remains in good condition and meets safety standards.

The center does not transport children
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Looking ahead, the center has set several key goals to strengthen and expand its services. These include joining the Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K) program to enhance quality standards, rejoining the Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (Preschool Initiative), and increasing enrollment to better serve the community. These goals reflect the center's ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, high-quality early childhood education, and long-term sustainability.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Despite operating with fewer classrooms, the center remains a vital resource for the community, supported by a team of long-tenured staff who bring years of experience working with children. Most of the staff have been with the center long-term and demonstrate a deep commitment to the program and the families they serve. Staff bring creative ideas to the classroom that support children's growth in key developmental areas, including fine and gross motor skills, problem-solving, and socialization. Their dedication fosters a stable, nurturing environment that supports child development and family engagement.

Staff are actively brainstorming ways to increase enrollment and strengthen community connections.

Staff send weekly newsletters home so that parents aware of what the schedule is for the week.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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

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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The director will email consultant by 01-30-25 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

The director will follow up with the consultant via email by January 30, 2025, to confirm that all areas identified as falling below standards have been addressed and corrected. In addition, this worker will be making a referral to the Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) consultant and exploring other community resources to assist the center in increasing enrollment and identifying possible transportation options for families

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: 12/03/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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**.