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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Denison I & II Head Start Centers

Provider No.: 33081

Address: 1826 3rd Ave South, Denison, IA, 51442

County: Crawford

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HHS Visit Date: 01/22/2026

Licensing Period: 02/01/2026 to 02/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 03/15/2024

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		8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	
Tuesday		8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	
Wednesday		8:00 AM to 12:30 PM	
Thursday		8:00 AM to 4:00 PM	
Friday		8:00 AM to 4:00 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			40		40
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Denison I & II Head Start Center on 1/22/26. The center is located in the Children's Imagination Station Child Care Center. Twenty-five children are enrolled. The lead teacher in room I is Kelsey Lamaak and the lead teacher in room II is Gretchen Bonsall.

Observation of room:
The program rooms were in ratio. The children participated in a variety of activities. In room I the children were playing with flashlights and marching. They were getting ready for lunch and nap. The children in room II were in a circle reading a book. They were getting ready to eat lunch and nap. The children in both rooms washed their hands before sitting down for lunch. The teachers in both rooms sat at the tables with the children. Teaching Strategies Gold is used. The teachers prepare the lesson plans/activities. The rooms look great and have fun activity centers. There are a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Toys and equipment are rotated on a regular basis. In room I, the current study was tubes and tunnels. They take the emergency kit with them when they leave the room. The center takes walking field trips. There were cots laid throughout each room. Some were behind shelves. Both rooms reported they either walk around to keep an eye on the children when they are napping or they sit in a position so they are able to see all of the children.

Health and safety:
Fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented on a monthly basis. Radon testing was done in December 2025 and the readings were .8 pCi/L and .7 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every five years if the readings are below 4.0 pCi/L. The building has all electrical appliances. Please work with the child care nurse consultant on different options for diaper changing/pull-ups changes as a mat on the floor was being used and this isn't the best option for health and safety and

keeping the area sanitary. Soiled diapers/pull-ups are not in a separate container in room II. Please make sure there is a separate container for soiled diapers/pull-ups in room II. Bleach/water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Please make sure you are following the correct sanitizing and disinfecting procedures. Please use the three-step bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 3. Water for rinsing, 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting. If you are using bleach/water, you must follow the mixing instructions on the specific bottle of bleach for sanitizing and disinfecting as they are mixed at different strengths. Bleach/water must be mixed daily. You can discuss other product options for sanitizing and disinfecting with your child care nurse consultant. Sheets are washed weekly and cots are sanitized daily.

Nutrition:
Breakfast, lunch, and snack are catered by Company Kitchen. The center is on the federal food program.

Playground:
The center has a nice playground with musical instruments, a climbing structure with slides, and riding toys. Wood mulch is used for fall surfacing. Monthly playground safety inspections are completed.

Transportation:
SWITA provides transportation for students who don't have transportation.

Administrative records:
Four children's files were reviewed and were in excellent order. Two staff files were read at the administrative office in Harlan, Iowa and were in excellent order. The center uses Learning Genie for communication with parents.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to their needs. Staff were at the children's level.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(3): Soiled diapers/pull-ups were not kept in separate containers. Please keep diapers/pull-ups in a separate container than other waste.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 2/1/26 to 2/1/28.

Date: 01/27/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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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**.