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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Helping Hands Play School

Provider No.: 42008

Address: 900 Lincolnshire Pl, Coralville, IA, 52241

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Niki Becker and Roly Neuzil

On-Site Supervisor: Chelsea L, Elisha M, Emma H, & Madalyn G

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HHS Visit Date: 01/27/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/11/2025

Comments: Does Comply.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:30 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	8	8	16		32
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at HELPING HANDS PLAY SCHOOL - 42008 l for an annual visit on 1/27/2026. The center provides childcare for infants-preschool aged children. The center is open year around from 7:00am to 5:30pm. The center is located inside of First Christian Church. The center has 3 classrooms, a cafeteria, kitchen, storage areas and an office. The fire inspection was 9/11/2025.

The directors are Niki Becker and Roly Neuzil. Niki has a bachelor's degree in social work. Niki opened the center in 2013. Roly has an associate's degree. She has been working at the center since 2013.

The on-site supervisors are Chelsea Lenoch, Elisha Moffit, Emma Houser and Madalyn Gassman. Chelsea has been working at the center since 2013. Elisha has been working at the center since 2017. Emma has been working at the center since 2020. Emma has a bachelor's degree in communication. Madalyn started in 2018. Madalyn also has an associate's degree in early childhood education.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products and diaper changing procedures were followed.

The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center ensures that each child is served a full,

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nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

The center's curriculum is from Brightwheel. Experience Curriculum has been supporting educators for over 30 years with a research-based curriculum system paired with high-quality, hands-on learning materials shipped monthly. It is aligned with NAEYC, Common Core, Head Start, and all 50 states' early learning standards. This worker observed the following activities and interactions: infant room staff were sitting on the floor actively engaging the children with developmentally appropriate activities, lunch was observed in two classrooms, staff did an excellent job of arranging developmentally appropriate centers for the children to choose from.

At this time the center does not offer field trips off site. The church does have a garden and a walking trail that the center children/staff do utilize.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance.

The licensing notebook was in full compliance including: floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining staff.
-The classrooms are clean and well organized.
-Staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level.
-The center utilizes Experience Curriculum.
-The center's child files were in full compliance.
-Center staff have completed Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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.
-One employee needed current First Aid/CPR.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-The center is encouraged to install finger guards on the doors and infant room cabinets to ensure the children's safety.
-The following hazards were found in the kitchen which is not locked. Children do have access to cleaning supplies, lighters, and matches.

109.12(4)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their backs for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child shall be allowed to sleep in any item not designed for infant sleeping, including but not limited to an infant seat, car seat, swing, or bouncy seat.
-Upon my arrival one infant was asleep on their stomach on the infant floor mat next to a staff and another infant was asleep in a restrictive device next to a staff.
-Both teachers present when this occurred must review and sign the following document with the director: https://shop.iastate.edu/extension/family-food-health/families-and-youth/children-and-families/hs77h.html. This documentation must be placed in the teachers' file.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center will send an email with documentation of citations corrected (DO NOT email or send any National/Iowa record

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checks or physicals) Just include the date these were completed.

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations were issued please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 https://ccmis.dhs.state.ia.us/providerportal/DocumentViewer.aspx?ID=19 and Comm. 204: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/6489/download?inline

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) Agencies play a vital role in supporting the quality of child care across Iowa by offering both on-site and virtual consultation services to licensed preschools, Child Care Centers, nonregistered Child Care Home providers and registered Child Development Home (CDH) providers. CCR&R agencies assist providers in complying with state regulations by offering expert consultation, training, and professional development opportunities to enhance the quality of care they provide. A key focus is supporting providers in achieving high performance within the Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) system https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/iq4k, which aims to improve child care quality across the state. In addition to supporting providers, CCR&R agencies also offer parent referral services and consumer education, helping families navigate the child care system and find quality care options.

Child Care Nurse Consultants (CCNCs) are registered nurses who have early childhood training and are experts in child health, child care, and child safety. CCNC services are available statewide and are part of the Healthy Child Care Iowa program. ECE providers may call or email questions to their local CCNC about health and safety policies, health records, health resources, and specific child health or safety concerns. To contact your local CCNC go to https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci and click on the “CCNC Local Services Map”

Date: 02/23/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

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**.