Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Grandma's House School Age Program **Enrollment:** 15 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51351

Street: 910 S. 15th St **City:** Clarinda Iowa **Zip** 51632 **County:** Page

Mailing Address: 1335 E Washington St, Clarinda, IA, 51632

Director's Name: Morgan Sams **Phone Number:** 712-542-5502

On-Site Supervisor(s): Harmony Sickler **E-Mail:** Morgan.Sams@ghdc-clarinda.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-15-2025

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 08-09-2024

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				22	22
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-19-2025

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was made to Grandma's House School Age Program on 5-15-2025. The center is located in the Garfield Elementary School, the program opened on 2-24-2022. Morgan Sams became the director at the end of 2023, she is also the director of Grandma's House Daycare in Clarinda. Harmony Sickler is the on-site supervisor. Before and after school care is provided and full day care on in service days and during the summer.
There are 15 children enrolled. I met with Morgan and Harmony during my visit.

Observation of room:
One classroom is used for the program, the gym and the playground are also utilized. There are two restrooms in the room with one toilet and one sink in each restroom. There are additional restrooms located in the hallway. Eleven children and two staff were present during my visit. The children were having fun playing in the activity centers. Harmony make the lesson plans/activities. Staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The center has a great variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment that is rotated frequently. The children enjoy making crafts.
The program walks to the library for their activities.
The Playground child care app is used, the center sends the families a monthly newsletter.
The program will be moving into a new room. Please email the new room floor plan - please note the number of toilets and sinks in the restroom. Please contact the fire inspector to make sure the new room is approved for your child care.

Nutrition:
Make sure you refrigerate children's lunches and other perishable food items brought from home. During the summer the program participates in the free breakfast and lunch program. Menus were posted. Make sure you follow the CACFP food guidelines even if you aren't on the federal food program.
The center has a refrigerator.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills were practiced and documented.
Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for radon testing. DHHS licensing no longer needs to review radon testing. The last radon testing was completed in January 2023 with a radon test result of 0.9 pCi/L. Radon test scores must be under a 4.0 pCi/L.
If your center has fuel burning appliances you will need to get the annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection from the school. Please make sure you have a current fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection.
Purell Surface is used for sanitizing. The school janitor cleans the room at the end of each day.
Medication management procedures were corrected. The center is using the medication log when a child is prescribed medication.

Playground:
The school playground is used. Monthly playground inspections are done.

Transportation:

The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Child files were read and were in good order.
Staff files are maintained at Grandma's House Day Care, they were read on 5-15-2025 and were in good order.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Grandma's House School Age Program is a wonderful resource for the community.
They would like to apply for the IQ4K program.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children.
The Playground child care app is used.
Morgan has been updating /revising the handbooks.
The noncompliance items from the 2024 licensing visit evaluation have been corrected.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
If your center has fuel burning appliances you will need to get the annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection from the school. Please make sure you have a current fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 2-1-2025 to 2-1-2027.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*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.