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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Oralabor KinderCare

Provider No.: 50977

Address: 225 SW Oralabor RD, Ankeny, IA, 50023

County: Polk

Director's Name: Sydney Drexler

On-Site Supervisor: Olivia Walton

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HHS Visit Date: 05/14/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2026 to 06/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 03/26/2026

Comments: Ankeny Fire Marshal. For licensing requirements, these inspections are due at least every three years. The City of Ankeny Fire Marshals typically do annual inspections.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	32	24	48	30	134
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

A licensing inspection was conducted on 5/14/26. The director of the center was present throughout the inspection. Two district area managers were also present throughout this inspection.

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

Oralabor Kindercare is a center in Ankeny, IA that opened for business in July 2020. This is one of several Kindercare centers in the Des Moines Metro that is owned by KinderCare Corporation. This program provides care to children who are six weeks in age through 12 years in age. The center utilizes a Kindercare learning curriculum in classrooms. There are a total of nine classrooms. Eight were in use on the day of the inspection. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 89 children.

Sydney Drexler is the director of this program. Olivia Walton is the on-site supervisor of this program. Jeremey Todd is the District Area Manager. All three individuals meet the requirements for their position.

On the day of the inspection, children were observed in a variety of activities. Infant children were observed napping in cribs and being held by staff. Other children were observed playing in their classrooms at the different learning stations made available to them or playing outside on the playground. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. Children also gave specific answers as to how often and when they wash their hands while at the center. Toys and other classroom equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily.

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NUTRITION: The center serves breakfast, lunch, and a PM snack to children. The food menu rotates every four weeks and all food menu items met CACFP/licensing requirements. Children eat in their classrooms and family-style dining is practiced. The center employs a full-time cook and there is a full kitchen. All food storage was sufficient.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center has two buses that they use to transport school-age children to/from school and the center. Field trips are also taken for children six years of age and older. Regular maintenance is performed on the buses. For all transportation needs, children's emergency contacts and a first-aid kit are taken along. No Smoking signs are needed for the buses.

PLAYGROUND: The center has two playgrounds based on ages of children. The playgrounds contain climbing structures and other outdoor toys. Shade structures are in place. Daily playground inspections are being conducted. There were some issues with bolts along the fence line and gates being too long. No more than two threads should be showing. There was also some field turf foam that was potentially accessible to children in a couple of spots where the field turf was recently repaired. This issue will also need to be corrected.

For more difficult child behaviors, the director stated the center as a whole tries to be more proactive in preparing and addressing children. Information is stressed to staff to reach out to each other and management when/if they need assistance or if they need to take a short break. Communication and partnerships are stressed between staff as well as children and parents. The center incorporates a behavioral intervention team through the corporate offices. Documentation is kept in regards to progress and/or lack of progress in determining next steps.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The program has a lot of support from Kindcare Corporation.

All directors of Kindercare Metro programs meet monthly for meetings either in person or virtually.

Monthly all staff meetings are held at this program.

Daily playground checks are formally being done when licensing only requires monthly formal inspections.

There is a nice, open, well decorated entrance area and the director's office is also in this area as is the front communication desk.

The center employs a full-time cook.

There is a Safety Coordinator on site.

There is a Family Ambassador Program in place.

Classroom doors have buzzers.

The director is organized.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(9): Smoking and use of tobacco products shall be prohibited in the center and every vehicle used to transport children. Prohibited in outdoor play area during hours of operation.
No Smoking signs are needed on the buses.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be

provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
There were a few dangling cords observed in classrooms. These cords will need to be more securely attached to walls and/or tucked behind other equipment so they are not accessible to children.

109.11(4)a: Center must have safe outdoor program area adjacent to the center, with sufficient square footage to accommodate at least 30 percent of the enrollment capacity at any one time at 75 spear feet per child. Outdoor space must:Be free from litter and unsafe materials and free from contamination by the drainage or ponding of sewage or storm water.Include safe play equipment and an area of shade.Include fencing to protect from bodies of water or vehicular traffic.
1.The bolts along the fence line and gates need to be cut/capped so that no more than two threads are showing.
2. There is some field turf foam still exposed and accessible to children near one of the shade structures where the turf was recently repaired.

109.12(4)b: Each infant and toddler shall be diapered in a sanitary manner as frequently as needed at a central diapering area. Diapering, sanitation, and hand-washing procedures shall be posted and implemented in every diapering area. There shall be at least one changing table for every 15 infants.
The dwell time for diapering tables is at least three minutes based on the disinfectant product the center is using. Center gave mixed answers when questioned about dwell times. There seems to be a little bit of a theme based on last year's inspection and a complaint from 11/2025 in regards to diapering, handwashing, and dwell times.

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

The below standards should be repaired as soon as possible and no later than next year's inspection.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing was last conducted 4/22/26 - 4/27/26 in classrooms. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing, levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The last furnace/HVAC inspection was from 5/8/26.

I - Power and IQ4K were discussed at the inspection. It appears all staff have I - Power profiles and training is being uploaded. Mandatory Reporter as well as First-Aid/CPR will have to be manually uploaded to profiles.

HHS diapering procedures were emailed to the center after the inspection concluded.

Some of the lower cabinets will need new locks on them as they were not functioning properly on the day of the inspection. It was noted that nothing was observed being stored in these cabinets that children shouldn't have access to that created safety concerns.

It is recommended that the Emergency Preparedness kit be stored in a suitcase on wheels so it is more easily able to be moved if ever needed.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended. The center application and payment was sent in on 4/14/26.

Date: 05/18/2026

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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**.