Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: 100 Acre Woods Child Care Center

Provider No.: 25854

Address: 805 Guthrie ST, De Soto, IA, 50069

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Amanda Grems (formerly Sharp)

On-Site Supervisor: Maggie Roschel

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HHS Visit Date: 07/16/2026

Licensing Period: 08/01/2025 to 08/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/10/2025

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years per licensing regulations.

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	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 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	14	13	30	15	72
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 7/16/26. The director, Amanda Grems, was present throughout the 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.

100 Acre Woods in located along a main highway in De Soto, IA. The center's owners are Todd and Traci Vorpahl. Amanda Grems is the center director as of 6/17/19. Amanda has worked in child care for several years and has taken enough training to be a director. The on-site supervisor as of 6/2025 is Maggie Roschel. Maggie has an AA degree as well as past experience working in child care.

The center serves children ages six weeks to 12 years in age and they utilize the Kaplin Learn Every Day Learning Curriculum as well as the Creative Learning Curriculum in their teachings. There are six classrooms total between the main and lower levels of the center. Total enrollment on the day of the inspection was 66 children.

NUTRITION: The center serves breakfast, lunch, and a PM snack to children. Children eat in their classrooms. The menu rotates each week and all menu items met CACFP requirements. Family style dining is practice for children three and older. The center employs a full-time cook and has a kitchen in the lower level. All food storage was sufficient. One refrigerator in the infant classroom needed to be wiped clean as something had spilled.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center does walking only field trips for younger children with the exception of

three year old children going to a pumpkin patch once a year. Children four and older can go on field trips away from the center. The center has a 15 passenger van that they use for field trips. The van has regular maintenance performed. The center will also start transporting preschool children to/from the center and school in the Fall of 2026. During the school year, the center is a pick up/drop off site for the school district. For all transportation needs, children's emergency contacts and a first-aid kit are taken along. The van was not observed at this year's inspection as several school age children were out on a field trip with staff.

PLAYGROUND: The center has three entirely fenced in playground areas for children based on their ages. Wood chips are used for surfacing in the older two playground areas around climbing structures. The older children's playground also has a large grassy area and a concrete area. The infant/toddler playground area has rubber matting around climbing structures. No issues were noted with any climbing structures, surfacing, or other playground equipment. Trees and the building provide shade. Monthly playground inspections are being conducted with the exception of June 2026 not being documented.

During the inspection, all classrooms were primarily outside on the three playgrounds. Sunscreen had been applied to children. Staff were walking around and engaged with their classroom children and all of their activities. Staff stated toys and other classroom equipment are being cleaned and sanitized daily. Children questioned gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. Hand washing was observed during the inspection. Good staff redirection of several children was observed.

For more challenging child behaviors, the director stresses teamwork and communication between her staff. The director stated she also preaches to her staff to sense when they need a break and then to let her know when they need a break and she will assist as needed. The director stated she also looks for specific training from time to time for staff to take that address difficult child behaviors. Activities for children to keep them engaged and to stop the undesired behavior is also practiced.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

There is a secure entrance into the center. Parents are given a code. All other visitors have to ring a doorbell for entrance.

There is an intercom system throughout the center. The center also has a security camera system in place in classrooms and the outdoor playground areas.

The center has a lot of extra storage space.

The center works regularly with AEA, CCR&R, and their nurse consultant (CCNC).

Monthly staff meetings are held.

Enrollment remains steady.

Within the past year, the center has put in new flooring on the main level.

The center has a preschool teacher who has a teaching degree for their preschool program during the school year.

The center participates in Smile Squad where a dentist comes to the center for teeth cleaning and screening.

The director continues to feel that she had a good mix of tenured and new staff. Staff reportedly work well with each other.

The center uses the smart phone app, Playground for many of their forms and another way to communicate with parents.

The center employs a full-time cook.

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3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)a: All files contain: Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record check. Copy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable. Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.
One new staff member did not have full SING paperwork in their file and has not yet been fingerprinting. THIS ISSUE REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION.

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 several dangling cords not tucked behind other equipment and/or more securely attached to the walls in several classrooms.

109.11(4)b: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
June 2026 inspections were not documented. All documentation should also be on the licensing form provided to centers.

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.
Nothing but items needed for diaper changing should be on the diapering tables.

109.13(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed. Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.
The refrigerator in the infant classroom needed to be wiped clean as something had spilled inside this refrigerator.

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

The record check issue should be addressed yet this week. All other below standard items identified should be corrected as soon as possible.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

As previously noted for the center - dimensions for the center classrooms are as follows:

Infant Room
• Currently licensed for 8 infants
• No changes proposed
1-Year-Old Room (no cribs used)
• 26 × 15 = 390 sq ft
• Bathroom removed: 6 × 6 = 36 sq ft
• Usable space: 354 sq ft
• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 10 children

2-Year-Old Room
• 19 × 19 = 361 sq ft
• Bathroom removed: 4 × 4 = 16 sq ft
• Usable space: 345 sq ft

• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 9 children

3-Year-Old Room
• 26 × 25 = 650 sq ft
• Bathroom removed: 11 × 5.5 = 60.5 sq ft
• Usable space: 589.5 sq ft
• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 16 children

4-Year-Old Room
• Irregular room measured in usable sections (bathroom already excluded):
– 9 × 12.5 = 112.5 sq ft
– 12 × 10.5 = 126 sq ft
– 15.5 × 17.4 = 269.7 sq ft
• Total usable space: 508.2 sq ft
• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 14 children

School-Age Room
• 11.5 × 50 = 575 sq ft
• Closet removed: 4 × 4 = 16 sq ft
• Usable space: 559 sq ft
• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 15 children
Based on these calculations, the total potential building capacity would be 72 children
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Radon testing was last conducted 8/9/22 - 8/12/22. 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. RADON TESTING IS AGAIN DUE IN 8/2027.

The HVAC unit was last inspected on 7/6/25 so it is again due in 7/2026.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. Staff should continue to upload their annual professional development training hours to their I-Power profiles and also include first-aid/CPR and Mandatory Reporter.

The most current diapering procedures as well as the most current monthly playground inspection checklist was emailed to the center after the inspection concluded.

It was noted that one window screen needs to be repaired/replaced outside.

1 child is due for the annual child update on their form in Playground. It was also noted that a different child is due for another physical today before it is considered late.

It was noted while reviewing files that one child had a dentist listed on their paper copy of their annual updates, but the dentist was missing on the Playground application form.

It is recommended that outdoor playground mats be purchased and placed at the bottom of slides on the older children's playground to help preserve wood chip surfacing.

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6. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: As of 8/2026, per emails from the director and the owners, the SING check has been completed, however, the staff person had to resign for health reasons. The HVAC inspection was completed as of 8/2026.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 8/21/2026 3:32:06 PM

Date: 07/16/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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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**.