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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: DMACC Child Development Center

Provider No.: 27708

Address: 2006 S Ankeny Blvd Bldg 9, Ankeny, IA, 50023

County: Polk

Director's Name: Jennifer Whitted

On-Site Supervisor: Jennifer Wardyn

Phone Number: 5159646588

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HHS Visit Date: 11/05/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2024 to 11/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/11/2025

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years; completed by Ankeny Fire Dept- LT Tyson Hood

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 5

- [X] Accrediation — Comments: NAEYC Accreditation EXP: 2026

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 5:00 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:00 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	18	23	24		65
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced full licensing visit was completed 11-5-25. Director, Jennifer Whitted, was present through the entire visit.

DMACC Child Development Center, opening in 1975, is located on the DMACC Campus in Ankeny. They provide traditional child care for children ages six weeks to roughly age 5. Children of DMACC Students, faculty and the community are able to attend.

Hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM during the fall/spring semester; 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM during the summer semester.

The center shares the building space with DMACC classrooms, having their own secure (coded) entry. Jennifer Whitted was named director in July of 2025. Jennifer has a Bachelor's degree and is working toward a Master's degree. She has many years of early childhood experience. Jennifer Wardyn is the on-site supervisor and has worked with this center for 27 years. Both meet qualifications for their positions.

The center uses aspects of Creative Curriculum, Project Approach Curriculum on a "continuity of care philosophy" where staff advance as the children advance in programming ; using the Playground application to communication information to parents. The center offers a good variety of age/developmentally appropriate learning centers and toys. The children were content and teachers were engaged in either meeting individuals' needs or leading a group activity. There are often student learners present in the program, however are not unsupervised; rather learning/work in conjunction with qualified child care

staff members.

DMACC CDC offers morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack; which are prepared on-site. This program participates in CACFP food program; and uses CACFP healthy guidelines for eating. The children eat family style in their classroom with teachers.

There is an enclosed outdoor play area, with play structures and riding equipment available.

Transportation/Field trips: There is not transportation provided by the center. The center has taken walk-abouts to nearby interesting artifacts on the DMACC campus.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This program has maintained their NAEYC accreditation. This is a national recognition that only a small percentage of child care centers are able to obtain.

DMACC Child Development Center has attained the highest level of IQ4K. Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) is Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) licensed Child Care Centers and preschools, registered Child Development Homes and programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or nonpublic school. IQ4K® provides five levels of quality (building blocks) that programs can achieve and continue to improve on

The director and teachers continually update to current trainings and learning philosophies.

The child care center has a secure entry with video surveillance in the hallways.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(3)b: Signed statement indicating they have been informed of responsibilities as mandatory reporters.

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

Some staff files were determined to not have a signed employee/volunteer/substitute statement. The director obtained the proper form and ensured all staff had this completed by the time this visit concluded.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The last radon test was completed in February 2023, with all rooms testing below 4.0 Testing is due again 2028.

DMACC inspects/maintains the HVAC system.

Date: 11/09/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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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**.