Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Lighthouse Kids Club

Provider No.: 53064

Address: 800 E 12th St, Des Moines, IA, 50316

County: Polk

Director's Name: Mia Sears

On-Site Supervisor: Lauren Scove

Phone Number: 5158055592

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HHS Visit Date: 09/18/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2026 to 09/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/19/2026

Comments:

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	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	16	14	38		68
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Lighthouse Kids Club opened in May 2026. The center is located in a single standing building. Norwalk United Methodist Church is the owner of the daycare. There are secured doors to the building. The daycare provides child care to children ages infancy through five years. Mia Sears is the director of the program. Mia has several years experience in child care and was an assistant director previously. Lauren Scove is the on site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. Current enrollment is 6. The center is using three classrooms at this time. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules are posted, a few classrooms were missing schedules. The 3/4's classroom had a current lesson plan. Each classroom has age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys.

The infant classroom is being used but wasn't in operation today. The toddlers (1's) had three children present. One staff working in this class. The 2's classroom isn't being used at this time. The 3/4's classroom had one child present. One staff was working in this room. One staff was working with this group. Children were observed eating snack and during child directed play activities.

The center has a full kitchen. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed today and showed compliance with CACFP requirements. Menus are on a four week rotation.

The center has a spacious playground. There is fencing in place. There are three separate areas on the playground. Poured rubber is in place for surfacing.

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The center doesn't provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Mia has worked closely with CCR&R to open this new center. Mia has maintained communication with this worker in regards to opening the center. The building was a daycare previously.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
A couple classrooms needed schedules.

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

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

The center has a positive guidance policy in place.

Date: 09/29/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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