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## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Stanton Child Resource Center

Provider No.: 6917

Address: 711 Prospect St, Stanton, IA, 51573

County: Montgomery

Director's Name: Abby Graham

On-Site Supervisor: Britany Schoning

Phone Number: 7128292801

E-Mail: scrc@myfmtc.com

HHS Visit Date: 11/06/2025

Licensing Period: 10/01/2025 to 10/01/2027

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 07/16/2024

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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**Program Population Served:**

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

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Aged | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 52 | 20 | 46 | 32 | 150 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**1. Basic Overview**

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Stanton Child Resource Center on 11/6/25. The center opened in August 2005. Child care services are provided to children six weeks to school age from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. During the summer full day programming is offered to school age children. The center is located right off the highway in Stanton, Iowa. The center moved into their new building on 8/19/24. It is located across the street from their previous location. The center has a board of directors. Abby Graham became the director on 9/17/25. Abby was previously the assistant director for two years and has been employed at Stanton Child Resource Center for seven years. Britany Schoning became the assistant director on 10/27/25. I met with Abby during my visit. There are 87 children enrolled in the center.

Observation of rooms:
The new building looks amazing and everyone is very excited about the new center. The new center opened on 8/19/24. There are seven programming rooms, but only six were being used during my visit. The seventh room is for school-age children. The school age children were in school at the time of my visit. The building also has a very large reception area, laundry room, break room, excellent kitchen facilities, separated playground areas, etc. All program rooms were observed. The children were eating lunch and taking a nap. The infant room had only five cribs for six infants. They are applying for grants and working with the board to get more cribs. The program rooms have a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The daily sheets looked good. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. Staff in each room are responsible for developing their lesson plans/activities. One room had lesson plans but the dates were wrong and another room did not have current lesson plans. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday they have three year old preschool that follows Handwriting Without Tears curriculum. Iowa Early Learning Standards is used for curriculum for other age groups. The center uses the Procare child care app. Daily sheets looked good.

Nutrition:
The center provides breakfast and snacks. Lunch is delivered by Treat America/Company Kitchen each day. Menus are posted. The center participates in the federal food program. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:
Bleach/water is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. Several of the staff members did not know proper sanitizing and disinfecting techniques. One staff member didn't know the dwell time. One staff member is using the same ratio to mix sanitizer and disinfectant. Abby said she would discuss sanitizing and disinfecting procedures with her staff. Abby said she met with the Child Care Nurse Consultant and has discussed alternative options. They plan to begin using Purell Surfacing after they run out of bleach. Toys are sanitized daily. Crib and cot sheets are washed twice a week and more often if needed. Abby said monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced, but they are not documented. Please complete and document fire/tornado drills. Radon testing will be needed during your first year in the new building. Abby said the testing was done,

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but she was unable to find the results. The building has all electrical appliances. The center follows medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication. Hand washing diagrams need to be posted by the children's handwashing sinks. In the three-year-old classroom, one of the children was not visible during naptime. Rooms must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Staff must be able to see that the children are breathing. Emergency diagrams and numbers are posted. Emergency procedures and emergency preparedness plans have been updated since last year.

Playground:
The playground opened on 9/15/24 after the fence was installed. There are playground areas for different age groups of children. The older children have a large piece of climbing equipment; another area has a piece of equipment. These areas have woodchips for surfacing. The area for the smaller children has a small slide and teeter totter. Surfacing is required for equipment that is 18 inches and higher. Abby said they remove the climbing toys if the kids come outside. They want to move it to the shed once there is room. Shade is provided in the infant playground area. The center has not completed monthly safety checks. Abby should consult with the Child Care Nurse Consultant on fall surfacing.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide transportation services. The school bus provides transportation services from Good Shepherd Christian Preschool for preschool age children.

Administrative records:
Ten children's files were read. Eight files were missing current physical exams or statements of health. One file was missing a variety of things such as emergency contacts, names and address for doctor and dentist, and persons allowed to pick up the child. There were three files missing the dentist's name and/or phone number. Please make sure all child files have current registration information. Three staff files were read. Two files were missing either SING background checks or the national background checks. All three files were missing a variety of training. Please complete background checks immediately. Please review files and make sure staff are current on all training.

**2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program**

Abby and the staff are very excited and proud of the new center. Abby was helpful during my licensing visit. The center is a wonderful resource for the community. The center has a very supportive board. The center has had fundraising events. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. The center is going to work with CCR&R to apply for the IQ4K program. The center applies for grants for equipment, supplies etc.

**3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard**

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs. The center has not completed Iowa record checks on all staff every two years. Iowa record checks must be completed every two years.

109.6(4)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. Staff are not current on their training. Three files were reviewed and every file was missing something.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

109.10(13)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

109.11(2)b: Program space must meet the following conditions: Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all

children who nap. Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing must be maintained. The center will have sufficient toilet articles for each child for hand washing.

109.11(4)b: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

109.11(8)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

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.

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

**5. Special Notes/Recommendations**

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109.6(4)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs. The center has not completed national record checks every four years. National record checks must be completed every four years.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. Staff are not current on their training. Three files were reviewed and every file was missing something. All were missing annual training and others were missing Universal Precautions, Mandatory Child Abuse Training, First Aid and CPR training, and physical exams. Directors are required to have eight hours of annual training every year. Other staff are required to have six hours of annual training every year. Universal Precautions is due yearly. Mandatory Child Abuse training is due every three years. First Aid/CPR training is due every two years. Please review all files and come up with a plan for how staff will become current with all training hours.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary. All children under the age of five and not yet enrolled in school must provide an annual physical examination. Children five and older who are enrolled in school must provide an annual statement of health completed by the parents.

109.10(13)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year. Monthly documentation of fire/tornado drills has not been completed.

109.11(2)b: Program space must meet the following conditions: Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all children who nap. Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing must be maintained. The center will have sufficient toilet articles for each child for hand washing. A child was napping in an area that was unable to be seen by staff. Rooms must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Staff must be able to see that the children are breathing.

109.11(4)b: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept. There is no current documentation that monthly inspections have been completed.

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109.11(8)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted. Radon testing results were not able to be provided. Please complete the radon testing if it has not been completed and be able to produce the results.

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. Lesson plans were not current in every room. Every room must have a current written lesson plan.

A full license is recommended for 10/1/25 to 10/1/27.

I made a referral to the Child Care Nurse Consultant for help with sanitizing and disinfecting. Abby should discuss with the CCNC other possible options that don't require mixing as well as training for sanitizing and disinfecting with bleach pending beginning the Purell Surfacing. Abby should work with the CCNC on fall surfacing for the younger playground.

I made a referral to Child Care Resource and Referral to assist the center with background checks, training, and files.

Please notify me by 12/1/25 that all background checks have been completed and provide a plan for how all staff will get their training completed and meet the licensing standards.

Date: 11/14/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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**.