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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Growing With Grace Early Learning Center

Provider No.: 47860

Address: 3740 Utica Ridge Road Suite A, Bettendorf, IA, 52722

County: Scott

Director's Name: Jill Trannel

On-Site Supervisor: none

Phone Number: 5635054618

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HHS Visit Date: 03/23/2026

Licensing Period: 10/01/2026 to 10/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/02/2026

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	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Tuesday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Wednesday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Thursday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Friday	6:45 AM to 5:45 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General		18	42	10	70
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 3/23/26. The center is owned by Joseph Lemmon and is managed by the approved center director Jill Trannel. Jill is qualified with a bachelor's degree in early childhood education with a special education endorsement along with 25 years of teaching experience and 10 years operating this center. Jill was present along with several other staff on the day of the visit. The center is for profit. The center continues to operate out of leased space in a building that also includes other businesses that are entirely separate from the center. The center typically offers care to children age two and one half years through school age. School age children may attend after school and on non school days. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Program. The center director states the center uses the Learning Without Tears curriculum. The center reports enrollment of 75 children at the time of the visit.

The center includes the following program rooms: Little sprouts room (two and one half to three and one half year old room), blooming buds room (main room, four to five year old room), minion room (far side room, four/five year old children and/or school age children), sonshine room (middle room, three to four year old children), and rainbow room (back room, 2 and one half to three and one half year old room). Program rooms continue to be very well stocked with materials that are well maintained and are accessible to the children. The program spaces are colorfully decorated and include wall postings at the children's level as well. All children have to travel outside of their program rooms to use the restrooms that are located in hallway areas nearby to the rooms. The little sprouts room includes a diaper station and a hand washing sink within the program room. The other rooms do not include hand washing sinks within the rooms. There are also two hand washing sinks used by all of the other rooms in an area adjacent to the blooming buds room.

The center provides snack, lunch, and snack. Snacks are prepared on site in the center's kitchen area. Lunch is catered to

the center from a local grocery store that is IDPH licensed. The center does not participate in the CACFP. The kitchen area continues to be highly organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center director is educated and experienced in child care/preschool administration. The center continues to be quite pleasantly decorated and well supplied with plenty of accessible and organized materials for the children in each program room. The center has a large supply of books that are organized by topic. Children's crafts and projects were posted. The building is bright with large windows in most every room. The staff were again observed to be highly engaged with and interacting positively with the children, and the children once again appeared to be thoroughly enjoying their child care/preschool experience. The staff continue to support each other and work well together, and many of the staff have been with the center for a number of years. The center completes daily notes for children age two through four. Staff and child files and other required licensing documentation were again found to be highly organized. New tables have been added to the blooming buds, little sprouts, and minions rooms. The center director states the center is working on plans to change/upgrade and enlarge the outdoor play area. The center director is working with the child care nurse consultant on these changes.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

N/A

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with six year old children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule.

The center will continue with a full license. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 04/29/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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