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## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Color My World Child Care & Preschool

Provider No.: 27928

Address: 2900 Easter Lake DR, Des Moines, IA, 50320

County: Polk

Director's Name: Bobbie Gregory

On-Site Supervisor: Amanda Crise

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HHS Visit Date: 10/30/2025

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

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 08/01/2024

Comments:

**Report Visit Type:**

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

**License Type:**

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

**Quality initiative:**

Quality Rating: 3

- [ ] 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
- [ ] All Ages

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Aged | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 24 | 12 | 53 | 60 | 149 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**1. Basic Overview**

Color My World Child Care Center began operating in the fall of 1998. The program has provides daycare services to children ranging from infancy through school-age. This center is located within a single standing building. There is a secured entrance. Blake and Jane Boyer are the owners of the center. Bobbie Gregory is the director. Bobbie has been with this center since 2002. She has an Associates degree in Early Education. Amanda Crise is the on site supervisor. She has been employed at the daycare since 2011. Amanda Aberthany is the Operations Manager.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Each classroom has a schedule posted. The center uses Creative Curriculum for lesson plans for the infant through 2's classrooms. The center uses Frog Street for lesson plans for ages three through school age. All classrooms had current lesson plans posted. Handwashing posters and diaper changing posters are in place. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning supplies. Children's artwork is displayed in classrooms.

Bobbi, Amanda A. and Amanda C. were present today. They assisted with today's visit. The infant classroom, Moonbeams, had eight infants present. There were two staff working with the infants today. Sea Shells, the older infants, had four infants present. There was one staff working with this class. Sunshine Room (1's) had seven children present. There were two staff working in this class. Seascapes (1's) had two children in attendance. One staff was working in this room. Rainbows (2's) had eleven children in attendance. There were two staff working in this classroom. Wilderness (2's) had five children present. One staff was working with this group. Explorers (3's) had twelve children in attendance. Two staff were working with this group. The Preschool class and PreK class were combined during the visit. Preschool had six children and PreK had twelve children. There were three staff working in the PreK room. The school age class wasn't in session at the time of today's visit. Children were observed during transition times, during lunch, during rest time and during child directed play activities. Staff were observed sitting on the floor and holding the infants in the younger children classrooms. Interactions between staff and children were observed to be positive today.

The center has two playgrounds. Both playgrounds have grass turf for surfacing material. There is also concrete for riding toys. Fencing is in place. The center also uses the parking lot for taking walks for the young children. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center has a full kitchen. The center has a full time cook. Breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack is served. The center participates in CACFP. Menus are on a four week rotation. Menus were reviewed and showed compliance with CACFP requirements. Lunch served today was orange chicken and rice, peas, pears and milk.

The center owns two vans that used for field trips and for Des Moines school transportation.

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

Bobbi has been employed at the center since 2002. Administrative records are well maintained. The center participates in IQ4K and has a three star rating. This center is involved in the Women's Empowerment Program, through the United Way. The center benefits a great deal from this participating in the program, from a financial standpoint as well as support for staff. Staff from United Way and VNS visit the center to offer support and guidance.

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

There were no licensing violations cited today.

**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.

There was a boppy pillow in the Moonbeams classroom. The center had removed all boppy pillows previously. The concerns of the center adding boppy pillows was discussed at the visit. The center decided to remove the boppy pillow after the visit.

HHS strongly discourages the use of boppy pillows in daycare centers and this has been an ongoing recommendation and discussion. The concern is boppy pillows / nusing pillows are not practical in a child care center. Given the manufacturer's intended purpose and associated instructions for use these devices are not feasible. If the child care staff are not immediately and directly supervising children using nursing pillows, this would not be considered careful supervision and obviously risk and liability increase. We've realized that permitting the use of this product invites the propping of a child and introduces risk, potentially to the point of a fatality. Best practice is that "nursing pillows" should not be used in child care as they are intended to be used to support breastfeeding. Boppy pillows are "pillows" so having them in the infant area are in essence using pillows are not allowed in infant classrooms.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone (515)362-7823: email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov so that we can discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the HHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

Date: 10/31/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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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**.