**Iowa Department of Human Services**
**CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE**

**Name of Center:** Growing Greatness Learning Ctr - Adventure Seekers **Enrollment:** 21 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51866

**Street:** 310 S Main ST **City:** Baxter Iowa **Zip** 50028 **County:** Jasper

**Mailing Address:** PO BOX 533, Baxter, IA, 50028

**Director's Name:** Michelle McKnight **Phone Number:** 515-208-1509

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** growinggreatnesslearningcenter@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 07-21-2025

**Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

**LICENSING VISITS**

X **New Application** **Re-Application** **NA**

**Signed Application (470-0722) Received** X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-13-2024

**FIRE INSPECTION** X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

**Date Inspected:** 08-17-2022

**Comments :**

**LICENSE TYPE:** X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

**Financial Type:** X Profit Non-Profit NA

**Accredition:** Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

**Program Serves:** Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

| **HOURS:** | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | | | | 30 | 30 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-01-2025

**I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

Growing Greatness Learning Center - Adventure Seekers opened in August 2022. It is located in a single standing building and has a secured entrance. The center provides child care for school age children. The owner is Lindsay Bethards. The director is Michelle McKnight. Lindsay owns Growing Greatness Learning Center in Baxter also.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. A schedule was posted. This week's lesson plan was posted. The center has one classroom. There are labeled interest centers set up within the classroom: art center, games, building center, computer, fort center, dramatic play, lego table, manipulatives. Children do homework and art work at tables set up in the dining area of the center.

Lindsay assisted with today's visit. There were eighteen children present today. The center is currently serving children who are three and four years of age. There were two staff working today.

The center has a playground behind the center. There is fencing in place. There is a shade structure that has been purchased for the playground. The center walks to a nearby park often for outdoor play.

The center gets their meals from the main center, Growing Greatness Learning Center. The center stores and serve snacks. Menus were reviewed and the are in compliance with CACFP requirements.

The center owns a bus which is used for field trips.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Lindsay has experience operating a home based child care center. This building was remodeled to open as a child care center. The center uses Playground for communicating with parents as well as administrative tracking.

**IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:**

There were no licensing violations cited during the visit.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The center has a full license.

The center's fire marshal certificate will expire in August. Lindsay is contacting the State Fire Marshal to ensure the next inspection will be done on time.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

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