Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Little Miracles Child Development Center

Provider No.: 27164

Address: 810 E 2nd Ave, Indianola, IA, 50125

County: Warren

Director's Name: Jessica Starman

On-Site Supervisor: Lacey Steele, Natalie Michael - owners

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HHS Visit Date: 03/09/2026

Licensing Period: 04/01/2026 to 04/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 03/03/2026

Comments: Indianola Fire Department

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	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

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	14	46	60	144
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Little Miracles Child Development Center is located within two buildings located on the same property. Classrooms that serve infants through preschool age children are located in one building. The kitchen is also in this building. The school age classroom is located in the other building. The buildings have secured entrances. This center has been open since 1992 and went under new ownership in November 2015. Lacey S. and Natalie M. are the co-owners. Lacey had several years of experience of child care experience prior to opening up a different daycare center. Lacey had several years of child care experience and a BA in Children and Family Services prior to opening up another daycare center. Jessica Starman is the on site supervisor. She has been employed at the center for several years.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas of to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings were in place at the center's entrance. A few classrooms were missing schedules/lesson plans. The center recently switched some classrooms and they said the classroom schedules would be put in place. Children's art work is displayed in classrooms. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies.

Lacey, Natalie and Jessica were present today. All classrooms were observed today. The infant room had eight infants present. Two staff were working with this class. The (1's) had seven children present. Two staff were working with this class. There were eight children present in the 3's class. One staff was working with this group. There were eighteen children in the 4/5's class. Two staff were working in this classroom. The school age class had twenty seven children present. Two staff were working with this age group. Children were observed in classrooms and on the playgrounds. Staff were actively engaged with the children throughout the visit.

The center has a full kitchen. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus and food being served was

reviewed. Menus reflect CACFP guidelines are being followed. Food storage is sufficient to prevent spoilage.

The center has two playgrounds. There is turf for surfacing on the playgrounds. There is a climbing structure on the big playground. There are other outdoor toys and supplies available for children's use. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center owns a couple vehicles that are used for school transportation and off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The owners have been in the child care field for many years. The owners team provide a lot of leadership and support to their staff. The classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate toys and furnishings.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(1): Medications: The center shall have written procedures for dispensing, storage, and authorization, and recording of all prescription and non-prescription medications.Staff must be over 18 to administer medication.All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child’s name.For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.Staff shall not provide medications to a child if pre-service/orientation training for medication management has not been completed.
There was a child with an expired epi pen and a medication authorization form that hadn't been updated since December 2024.

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 didn't have schedules/lesson plans posted.
The center recently made some changes with classrooms. Current schedules and lesson plans will be posted.

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.

*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 may 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 DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.

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Date: 03/11/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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