Health and Human Services

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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Sanford Center

Provider No.: 50671

Address: 1700 Geneva Street, Sioux City, IA, 51103

County: Woodbury

Director's Name: Gina Moyer

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 09/12/2025

Licensing Period: 08/01/2025 to 08/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/18/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] 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:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				44	44
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

I completed an unannounced visit at Sanford Center School Age program on 9/12/25. I was able to speak with Director, Gina Moyer. The program offers childcare before and after school and summer program. Ms. Moyer has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and has worked with children for past 31 years.

The Sanford Center school age program is in the Sanford Center and utilizes two rooms and the gym. The center transports children to the children's schools in the neighborhood including Loess Hills, Liberty and Perry Creek elementary schools. During the school year the program operate Monday thru Friday 7:00am to 8:30am and then 3:30-5:30pm Monday thru Thursday and on Friday afternoon 1:30pm to 5:30pm. During their summer programs they operate 7:30am to 4:30pm Monday thru Friday and begins in June and closes the first week in August. The program serves school age children K-5th grade and follows the Sioux City School year calendar.

The summer program provides children with a variety of enriching experiences, including outdoor activities and field trips to nearby communities. Guest speakers are invited to introduce children to potential career opportunities, and participants take part in Boys & Girls Scout camp as well as specialized STEM classes. The program also integrates history through a partnership with the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, offers art classes at the local Art Center, and includes visits to the Butterfly Museum and the Washington Pavilion in Sioux Falls, SD.

The Sanford Center supports the community through a range of programs and services designed to foster character development in youth. The presence of the community center and these resources enhance outreach efforts and contributes to the overall success of the program.

There are currently 6 children enrolled in the before and after school program and 6 children present at the time of the visit. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

They provide breakfast for the children. All food is provided through the Sioux City School system. The center is on the food program and therefore, follows CACFP guidelines for nutrition.

The center is very clean and well maintained. They coordinate with other agencies to assist in providing activities to the center. This includes Scouts and Elevate which is designed to assist children with homework. They also have arts and crafts and have a day of STEM programing. They utilize a local park and staff completes inspection prior to the children playing at this playground. Monthly fire and tornado drills are documented. They further explore what they can do better after these drills. Vehicle maintenance has been completed. Radon is completed and within normal limits. Annual heating

is completed. Their first aid kid has supplies to treat minor injuries.

Goals of the center is to get certified in the IQ4K program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center transports to local elementary schools.

Staff engages with the children in their care and if needed homework help is always available.

There is good communication between staff and parents, and a newsletter goes out to keep families informed.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children. Please put a lock on cupboards under the sink as there were hazardous materials.

109.13(5): Centers shall ensure that food preparation and storage procedures are consistent with the recommendations of the CACFPs. Please make sure that you date and put into a Ziplock any open food products.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The Director will email consultant confirming those items that fall below standards are completed by 10/31/25

It is recommended that Director continue to work with CCRR to assist and support the program.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year

Date: 09/15/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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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**.