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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: 100 Acre Woods Child Care Center

Provider No.: 25854

Address: 805 Guthrie ST, De Soto, IA, 50069

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Amanda Grems (formerly Sharp)

On-Site Supervisor: Maggie Roschel

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HHS Visit Date: 07/10/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/15/2022

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years. The center is due again this month. The director has a call into the State Office to get this scheduled.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [X] 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:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	14	13	30	15	72
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An administrative change is being made to the center license to increase capacity to 72 children. Below is the information from the last inspection on 7/10/25:
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A licensing inspection visit was conducted on 7/10/25. The director, Amanda Grems, was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

100 Acre Woods in located along a main highway in De Soto, IA. The center's owners are Todd and Traci Vorpahl. Amanda Grems is the center director as of 6/17/19. Amanda has worked in child care for several years and has taken enough training to be a director. The on-site supervisor as of 6/2025 is now Maggie Roschel. Maggie has an AA degree as well as past experience working in child care.

The center serves children ages six weeks to 12 years in age and they utilize the Kaplin Learn Every Day Learning Curriculum as well as the Creative Learning Curriculum in their teachings. There are six classrooms total between the main and lower levels of the center.

During the visit, children, most of the children were napping on cots. Cot spacing was sufficient. Lighting while napping was sufficient. School-age children were on a field trip. One infant child was being held while being bottle fed. One infant was napping in a crib, one infant was being held by staff, and another infant was awake and sitting on the floor.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

There is a secure entrance into the center. Parents are given a code. All other visitors have to ring a doorbell for entrance.

There is an intercom system throughout the center. The center also has a security camera system in place in classrooms and the outdoor playground areas.

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The center has a lot of extra storage space.

The center works regularly with AEA, CCR&R, and their nurse consultant.

Monthly staff meetings are held.

Enrollment remains steady.

Within the past year, the center has added new playground fencing and some new kitchen appliances.

The center has a new preschool teacher who has a teaching degree for their preschool program in the Fall.

The center participates in Smile Squad where a dentist comes to the center for teeth cleaning and screening.

The director continues to feel that she had a good mix of tenured and new staff. Staff reportedly work well with each other.

The center uses the smart phone app, Playground for many of their forms and another way to communicate with parents.

The center employs a full-time cook.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7. There were several immunization records that were not signed/dated.

109.11(2)b: Program space must meet the following conditions: Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all children who nap. Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing must be maintained. The center will have sufficient toilet articles for each child for hand washing.
There was one couch in the four/five year old classroom that is torn and should be removed.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The new dimensions for the center classrooms are as follows:

Infant Room
• Currently licensed for 8 infants
• No changes proposed
1-Year-Old Room (no cribs used)
• 26 × 15 = 390 sq ft
• Bathroom removed: 6 × 6 = 36 sq ft
• Usable space: 354 sq ft
• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 10 children

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2-Year-Old Room
• 19 × 19 = 361 sq ft
• Bathroom removed: 4 × 4 = 16 sq ft
• Usable space: 345 sq ft
• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 9 children

3-Year-Old Room
• 26 × 25 = 650 sq ft
• Bathroom removed: 11 × 5.5 = 60.5 sq ft
• Usable space: 589.5 sq ft
• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 16 children

4-Year-Old Room
• Irregular room measured in usable sections (bathroom already excluded):
– 9 × 12.5 = 112.5 sq ft
– 12 × 10.5 = 126 sq ft
– 15.5 × 17.4 = 269.7 sq ft
• Total usable space: 508.2 sq ft
• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 14 children

School-Age Room
• 11.5 × 50 = 575 sq ft
• Closet removed: 4 × 4 = 16 sq ft
• Usable space: 559 sq ft
• Capacity @ 35 sq ft: 15 children
Based on these calculations, the total potential building capacity would be 72 children
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Radon testing was last conducted 8/9/22 - 8/12/22. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The HVAC unit was last inspected in 3/2025.

It was previously noted that he center does walking only field trips for younger children. Children four and older can go on field trips away from the center. The center has a van that they use for field trips. The van has regular maintenance performed.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. Staff will need to upload their annual professional development training hours to their I-Power profiles. The center has had some more conversations in regards to starting the IQ4K process with their CCR&R consultant.

Staff will need to monitor and position the movable Little Tyke structures so that at least six feet fall zones are being met when in use.

It was noted one child immunization needs to be transferred over to a State of Iowa approved form.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

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Date: 02/06/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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