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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Growing Greatness Learning Ctr - Adventure Seekers

Provider No.: 51866

Address: 310 S Main ST, Baxter, IA, 50028

County: Jasper

Director's Name: Michelle McKnight

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5152081509

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HHS Visit Date: 08/10/2026

Licensing Period: 08/01/2026 to 08/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/09/2025

Comments:

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	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General				30	30
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

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 center's entrance. A schedule was posted. This week's lesson plan, "Sunflowers" was posted. The center has one classroom. There are labeled interest centers set up within the classroom. Children do homework and art work at tables set up in the dining area of the center. Michelle does the lesson planning for this building.

Lindsay assisted with today's visit. The center's current enrollment is 26. There were three staff working today. Twenty two children were present, the Strong Squirrels (3's) and Friendly Foxes (4's).
Staff were reading books as a group activity to the children. Staff were also assisting children prepare for rest time.

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. The center serves breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The menu is on a three month cycle and the weekly menus rotate every four week. There was one breakfast being served that didn't meet CACFP requirements.

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

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.13(1 and 2): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals.Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.Menus shall be made available to parents and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
One breakfast on the menu had cinnamon rolls, which aren't a food that is credible.
Lindsay is going to remove cinnamon rolls or add another food component to that breakfast.

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.

Date: 08/13/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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