Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Story Time Childcare

Provider No.: 16815

Address: 84 Main Street, Maxwell, IA, 50161

County: Story

Director's Name: Mandy Lindemon

On-Site Supervisor: Susan Rhodes

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HHS Visit Date: 03/31/2026

Licensing Period: 04/01/2025 to 04/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/23/2026

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Seth Jones, IA Dept of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL).

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:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	8	12	12	10	42
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced visit was completed 3-31-26. Director Mandy Lindemon was present for the entire visit.

This center was first started in 1991, and moved to their current location in 2000. This center is located in the Community Building that also houses the Senior Citizens Center. The child care center has their own separate entrance. Mandy Lindemon is the director, beginning mid-2025. Mandy Lindemon started working here in 2005, and had been the assistant since 2013. Susan Rhodes in the on-site supervisor. Their advisory board is very involved in the operation of the center.

This program provides care for infants up to and including school age children. Hours of operation are 6:00 am-6:00 pm.

Room observations/activities: This center is composed of two rooms. The infants are in their own enclosed room. The capacity is for eight babies, and they will be in this room until they reach around 18 months to two years old. There are two sinks in this room. Once the children reach eighteen months to two years of age, they move out into the main part of the center which is an L shaped room that makes it possible to make it two separate areas. Total capacity for this main part of the center is for 34 children. There are separate bathrooms for the boys and girls Children from 18 months up until they turn two years of age can use the changing station in the infant classroom, as long as bringing the children into the classroom does not cause the infant room to go over capacity. The children were observed content and engaged in a group activity lead by teachers.

A preschool program is offered to the families in the community. They can elect for their children to attend as many days a week as they want and most prefer a three day program. The full time child care children have the preschool fees included

in their pay rates, so these children attend five days a week.

Preschool is offered from 9:00 am-11:30 am. There are two programs going on at the same time. One area of the center is used for the preschool program of the two and three year old children, and another part of the center is used for the preschool program for the four and five year old children.

Nutrition practices: This center has an on-site kitchen and meals that are prepared on-site daily. The center offers breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. There is a morning snack also offered that is provided by the families. .

Playground: The playground is enclosed with small play structures and toys. Safety surfacing is wood chips. The center is working with the united way and CCR&R for additional funding to improve/renovate the outdoor play area.

Transportation/Field Trips: The center provides transportation from school to the center on school days.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The director has been at the center for many years and was promoted to director in 2025. There are several staff members that have been at the center for various years. This stability leads to a consistent program and a routine that is desired in all child care programs.

The staff work well together and support each other. The staff are invested in providing quality care and programming to the children.

The center has a strong working relationship with the schools. The center receives support from United Way and partners with United Way.

The center has a Facebook page and a website.

The center has a secure entrance.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(13)c: Center shall develop procedures for annual staff and volunteer training on emergency plans.

109.11(4)b: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

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

109.10(13)c: [develop and implement training for staff regarding the centers emergency response plans].
*The director is working to implement regular/annual training on the emergency response as well as training when staff are hired.
*The director was provided a form to document emergency drills and has re-implemented the completion of the drills.

109.11(4)b: [monthly playground inspections]; The center did not have record of safety inspections of the outdoor playground.
*The director has implemented the safety checks and was provided a form to document.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing is now due every five years. The last radon testing was completed in August of 2022 and fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

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Date: 04/23/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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