Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Acorns & Oaks Christian Academy

Provider No.: 48797

Address: 1300 28th St, Perry, IA, 50220

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Allison Moreland

On-Site Supervisor: Ciera Bromenberg

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HHS Visit Date: 07/22/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/28/2026

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

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	5:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	5:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	5:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	5:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	5:30 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	15	14	43	13	85
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 7/22/26. The director was present throughout the inspection.

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.

Acorns and Oaks Christian Academy is a center in Perry, IA located in the newer Perry Lutheran Home building and in their own wing of the building. The center was given permission to open on 7/10/17. On 6/1/26, the center moved into their new location. The center serves children six weeks in age to roughly eight years in age using the Creative Learning Curriculum and elements of Montessori in their teaching of children. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 24 children.

Capacity of classrooms are as follows:

6wks – 12 mo: 7 children.
12mo – 24mo : 8 children.
2s/3s: 14 children.
4's/5's: 14 children.
K – 2nd: 13 children.
Pre K: 14 children.
Wrap Around: 15 children.

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The center is overseen by a Board. Allison Moreland is the director of the center as of 1/2025. Allison was previously the on-site supervisor. Allison has experience and training to meet requirements for director. Ciera Bromenberg is the on-site supervisors. Ciera meets the requirements for on-site supervisor.

NUTRITION: The center serves breakfast, AM snack, lunch, and a PM snack to children. Breakfast and lunch are provided by Perry Lutheran Home. All menu food items met CACFP requirements. Children older than infant age eat in the cafeteria. All food storage was sufficient.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center partners with Perry Lutheran Home for transportation needs (Perry Lutheran Home bus and a driver). Parents are required to provide car/booster seats for their children if needed. For all field trips away from the center, a first-aid kit and children's emergency contacts are taken along. Regular maintenance is performed on the buses. The center will also bring in different agencies for presentations to children throughout the year.

PLAYGROUND: The playground is entirely fenced in and includes a grassy area and also a sidewalk area for riding toys. There is a shade structure in place that provides shade. The building also provides some shade. Monthly playground inspections are being conducted. There was one issue with a cracked piece of plastic on one of the outdoor toys.

During the inspection, children were observed coming in from outside, washing hands before sitting down to eat lunch, and napping. Staff questioned stated toys, cribs, cots, tables, chairs, etc. are being cleaned and sanitized daily. Staff questioned gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

For more challenging child behaviors, the center implements a "three strike" policy where first children have a calm down corner and can do activities that help to calm them, next is a time-out, and then sent to the office and/or home for the day. Staff are taught to practice patience and to know when they may need a break or assistance. Teamwork is also stressed.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Enrollment remains steady.

The center uses the smart phone app Brightwheel for payments, forms, daily sheets, more communication with parents, etc.

The center has a Face Book page and a website. The center also does a monthly newsletter.

Monthly staff meetings are held.

Walkie talkies are used by staff.

There is a "buddy rope" system in place for when staff take younger children for walks.

The center caters to children with learning disabilities.

The center has good community partnerships. There are several community outreach events held throughout the year.

The director believes she has a good group of staff and that staff work well together. There is a good mix of new and tenured staff. The director felt the staffs' relationships with families was also positive.

Cognitive assessments are completed on all children two and older enrolled.

There is a washer and dryer on site.

The Board is involved.

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There is a secure entrance into the program.

The director is organized.

There is an indoor open area when weather doesn't permit outdoor play.

The center moved into a newer facility in 6/2026 that has bigger and actual classrooms. There is also a lot more natural light in the new building.

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.
A couple of immunizations were not dated. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

109.10(7): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips (away from the center).
All first-aid kits will need to be labeled.

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.
In some classrooms and in the indoor gym area, there were some dangling cords not tucked behind other equipment and/or more securely fastened to walls.

109.11(4)a: Center must have safe outdoor program area adjacent to the center, with sufficient square footage to accommodate at least 30 percent of the enrollment capacity at any one time at 75 spear feet per child. Outdoor space must: Be free from litter and unsafe materials and free from contamination by the drainage or ponding of sewage or storm water. Include safe play equipment and an area of shade. Include fencing to protect from bodies of water or vehicular traffic.
There was one outdoor toy that needed to be repaired.

109.12(4)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their backs for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child shall be allowed to sleep in any item not designed for infant sleeping, including but not limited to an infant seat, car seat, swing, or bouncy seat. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant. No co-sleeping shall be allowed. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required and an expiration date.
1. No Boppy Pillows should be in classrooms.
2. Nothing should be draped/handing over the side of cribs when children are napping in them. THIS WAS CORRECTED DURING THE INSPECTION.

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

The below standards identified should be corrected as soon as possible.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing will be needed no later than 6/1/27 in all classrooms. If levels in all classrooms are below 4.0, then the center can move to testing for radon every five years. 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.

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The annual furnace inspection will be due in the new building no later than 6/1/27.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. The center has had conversations with CCR&R about starting this process in the past, but with a newer director, they still plan to hold off for a little bit. Staff will need to continue to upload professional development training into I - Power, including Mandatory Reporter and First-Aid/CPR.

A new licensing certificate will be emailed to the center showing their new capacity is 85 children.

The diaper changing table in the two/three year old classroom should be moved closer to one of the sinks as discussed at the inspection.

It is recommended that if a child is older than 12 months, but still in a crib to nap, then no blankets or anything else should be in the crib with the child. At 12 months of age, if developmentally ready, children can transition to napping on cots.

A hand washing sign should also be posted in the staff restroom.

Date: 07/23/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

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**.