Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: America's Children of Oakmoor

Provider No.: 26365

Address: 4731 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines, IA, 50322

County: Polk

Director's Name: Robin Vannausdle

On-Site Supervisor: Jackie Putz

Phone Number: 5152702220

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HHS Visit Date: 09/23/2026

Licensing Period: 10/01/2025 to 10/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 04/01/2025

Comments: Fire inspections due at least every three years. Completed by LT Eric Jacobson, Fire Inspector/Investigator, Des Moines Fire Dept.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 4

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:30 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	48	24	48	75	195
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was conducted on 9/23/26. Director Robin Vannaus

America's Children of Oakmoor has been in operation since 1992. This child care center is attached to the Oakmoor Health Club, although the health club has closed. Robin Vannausdle has been the director since June of 1992. She has an Elementary Education degree. Jackie Putz has been the Assistant Director since 2006. Jackie began working at this center in May of 1993. She has an AA degree in Child Development. Both meet criteria for their positions.

The center uses creative curriculum for lesson plans, that were posted; and the Bright Wheel Application to communicate with parents. The center incorporates PBIS or Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports into learning as well. There was good structure in the rooms with staff observed to be attentive to the children and children content, with lunch being served while the visit was taking place. The rooms were nicely arranged and well-stocked with centers/activities/toys. The center has several libraries of books and activities available to the children and to staff for staff-lead read-aloud.

There is an on-site kitchen; with meals prepared on-site. Meals are served family-style in the classroom where staff interact with the children during lunch. The center offers two snacks during the day and lunch.

The playground is adjacent to the center and enclosed by a combination of wood and chain link fencing, which was in good repair. There is ample natural shade. Surfacing is artificial grass. Privacy to the playground is set up by a natural mature tree line. Structures were in good repair with ample safe surfacing.

Transportation/Field Trips: NA

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center has attained a quality rating for IQ4K of Level 4. Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) is Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) licensed Child Care Centers and preschools, registered Child Development Homes and programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or nonpublic school. IQ4K® provides five levels of quality (building blocks) that programs can achieve.

This center does or has participated in Child Care WAGE$® Iowa (WAGE$) is a salary supplement program offered by Iowa AEYC. WAGE$ works hand-in-hand with TEACH Early Childhood® Iowa. WAGE$ offers salary supplements (also called stipends) to the early care and education workforce, based on the individual's level of formal education and commitment to their program.

The center also has and does participate in TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) is a comprehensive scholarship program that provides the early childhood workforce access to educational opportunities and is helping establish a well-qualified, fairly compensated and stable workforce for our children.

Robin and Jackie (Director and Assistant Director) have been in leadership positions for many years together. They are closely involved with all operations of the center and work well together.

Robin is very invested in the center and in providing quality care for the children and often works with CCR&R and/or the child care nurse consultant when needed.

The center has a secure entrance.

The center is family oriented. There is good communication with families.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

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

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--Staff files were reviewed and did contain expired Iowa (SING) checks that are due every two years
--The director indicated that the Iowa background checks (SING) would be updated as soon as possible

109.9(1)b: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
--A staff file reviewed did not contain a form documents a physical exam
--The director will have the the staff member obtain documentation of physical exam and place in the file.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full two year license is recommended.

Radon testing was completed 9/11-13/26, and results were under the 4.0 level for safety. Due again in five years.

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There was a heating, cool, air conditioning and ventilation (HVAC) inspection professionally completed 9/9/26.

The menu reflects the center is following CACFP guidelines.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with the center director their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The director indicated that teachers have completed PBIS training for classroom behavioral management and the center has been willing to work with the school and AEA if needed for a child as well.

Date: 10/16/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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**.