Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Sheryl K Johnson Child Care Center

Provider No.: 18160

Address: 400 Gleason Avenue, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

County: Pottawattamie

Director's Name: Jessica McGinnis

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 10/01/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2024 to 11/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/17/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] 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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Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	36	12	96	150	294
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Sheryl K. Johnson Child Care Center on 10/1/25. The center is connected to St. Albert Elementary School. Child care services are provided to children infant age to preschool age. The hours of operation are 7 AM to 5:30 PM. There are 90 children enrolled. Jessica McGinnis is the acting director. Jessica has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and she has a master's degree. She has worked at Sheryl K Johnson Child Care Center since 2019.

Observation of rooms:
There are eight child care programming rooms and two Pre-Kindergarten rooms through the school that are licensed program rooms. The center is creating a large motor skills activity room with padded flooring. They previously had a similar room, but it was taken over by the school. The rooms have a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The eight child care program rooms were observed during my licensing visit. All of the rooms were in ratio. The children were having fun playing, eating lunch and having nap time. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and nurturing. It is fun to see all of the children's fun art work displayed in the rooms and throughout the building. The center uses High Scope and Creative Curriculum Gold. Lesson plans/activities and the daily schedule is posted in every room. Jessica prepares all of the lesson plans/activities. She has a list of themes and then plugs it into an excel document. Jessica creates everything and does not use an app. The emphasis is to provide fun hands-on learning experiences every day. The child care program rooms have a tablet and the center uses the Brightwheel app for daily sheets, incident reports, notifications and communication with the parents. One room was too dark during nap time. Make sure the room is light enough to see the children's faces and chest rise/breathing. During rest time, adequate lighting must be maintained for staff to effectively supervise children. One of the rooms did not have an emergency diagram posted. This was corrected while I was present. The emergency phone numbers that were posted did not have the center's address on it. Please add the center's address to all emergency numbers posted in every room.

Nutrition:
The food is prepared by the school cafeteria. The center began the federal food program in June 2024. Staff were trained in proper food preparation after last year's visit. One of the refrigerators did not have a thermometer, but this was corrected while I was present. Menus were posted.

Health and safety:
Medication management procedures are followed when a child is prescribed medication. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The building has all electrical appliances. Since you are in a school it is the responsibility of the Department of Education to make sure radon testing is being completed, therefore child care licensing doesn't need to review your radon testing information. Eleven radon tests were completed in July 2022 and all test scores were under a 4.0 pCi/L. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and disinfecting. The three step bottle procedure is used, 1. Soap/water for

cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved products for sanitizing and disinfecting. There was confusion in many of the child care programming rooms regarding the proper protocols for sink usage at last year's visit. Staff were trained after last year's visit and staff now know which sinks are used for food prep and which ones are used for hand washing. Some of the rooms have labeled the different sinks. The Child Care Nurse Consultant came in last year. She brought timers for the children to use so they know how long to wash their hands.

Playground:
The center has fenced outdoor play area with a variety of toys. Monthly playground inspections are completed. There are two separate playgrounds for different ages. The playground for one- to two-year-old children has a climbing structure, balls, and riding toys. One of the slides did not appear to have enough fall surfacing. I recommended Jessica talk to the Child Care Nurse Consultant about fall surfacing. The playground for the three- to five-year-old children has a climbing structure, musical instruments, hopscotch, sandbox and riding toys. Turf is used for fall surfacing.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Three staff files were read and all of them were missing things. All three were missing Universal Precautions which is due annually, two were missing CPR/first aid which is due every two years, one was missing a physical exam which is due every three years, and one was missing the state background record checks which is due every two years. Please go through all files and figure out what is missing. I will make a referral to Child Care Resource and Referral to help with the training and getting files in order. Nine children's files were read. Five files were missing the annual physical exam and two were missing the contact information for the dentist. All children under school age are required to have an annual physical. Please make sure all children have their annual physicals and go through files and update any areas that may be missing. The center has their emergency preparedness procedures. Quarterly staff meetings are held and Jessica meets with staff on an ongoing basis. Some staff participate in the WAGES program.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Jessica is confident as the director. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive and nurturing. The staff are very creative and provide daily hands-on learning experiences that are fun and educational. The center is a great resource for the community. The center is IQ4K level 4. The center has received grants for equipment. The center has cameras and an emergency notification system through the school. The center has tremendous support from parents and the community. The center is very grateful for the generous donations for renovations and equipment. Some staff participate in the WAGES program. Staff have participated in the TEACH program. There is an advisory board that makes decisions. They meet monthly to every other month. The goal is to hire more staff. Jessica feels the strengths are that they have a really good team and staff have longevity. Jessica said they went through and corrected last year's areas that fell below standards.

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. One staff file that was reviewed did not have a current Iowa record background check completed.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training. Three staff files were reviewed and three were missing Universal Precautions and two were missing CPR/first aid.

109.9(2)i: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary. All children under school age are required to have annual physicals. Nine files were reviewed and five did not have their annual physical.

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. One of the rooms was too dark during naptime. During rest time, adequate lighting must be maintained for staff to effectively supervise children. They must be able to see their face and chest so they can see they are breathing.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 11-1-2024 to 11-1-2026.

A referral was made to Child Care Resource and Referral to assist the center with updating their files and getting staff up to date with their training.

Date: 10/07/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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**.