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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Early Learners CDC on Duggan

Provider No.: 18202

Address: 610 Duggan Dr, Dubuque, IA, 52003

County: Dubuque

Director's Name: Amy Perry-Block

On-Site Supervisor: none

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HHS Visit Date: 02/17/2026

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/06/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:30 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	23	10	22	12	67
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 2/17/26. Present was the center director, Amy Perry-Block, along with other staff. Amy is qualified with an associates degree in early childhood education and many years of experience and training. Amy accompanied the licensing consultant throughout the visit. This center has been owned and operated by Holly Kamm for many years. Holly was not present on the day of this visit. The center does provide school age care on non school days and before school. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. The center director states the center uses the Creative Curriculum.

The center consists of two levels. The main level is now one large area used for all infants up through 23 months of age. The room has access to two diaper stations and two restroom areas (each with one toilet and one hand washing sink). The lower level has three areas. The smaller room (side room) is used for two year old children and includes a diaper station and hand washing sinks in the room as well as an adjacent restroom area. The main (largest) area (preschool room) is used for three to five year old children. This room also has an adjacent restroom area and hand washing sinks located within the classroom. The "new addition" room is a school age room. Children in this room have to travel out of the room for restroom and hand washing activities. Each room was adequately furnished with furniture and accessible materials to support the scheduled activities. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack all prepared in the kitchen on site. The center participates in the CACFP. The center's kitchen staff person has been with the center for many years. The kitchen area continues to be clean and very organized.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center continues to be well managed, and the staff continue to work well together. Some of the staff have been with the center for a number of years. The center continues at Level One IQ4K certification. The center is bright with windows on both levels. Children's crafts and projects are posted in the program rooms and in the hallway areas. Program rooms are generally well supplied and are bright and colorful with postings on the wall at child level. Staff were again observed to be highly engaged with the children in all program rooms. The DHS licensing binder continues to be highly organized. Staff and child files were again found to be highly organized. The center director is using a tracking system to ensure file compliance.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

N/A

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Consultation has again been provided to the center regarding the updated rules regarding combining different age groupings of children and what is allowed and when. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance with this moving forward.

The individual room capacities are as follows:

Main Level:
Infant room (cribs and cots) = 23 children

Lower Level:
Twos Room (small room, left side) = 10 children
Preschool Room (main room at bottom of stairs) = 22 children
School Age Room (back/addition room) = 12 children

1. Use separate towels for the three steps and ensure the two minute dwell time for the sanitizing solution when cleaning/sanitizing.
2. Ensure start date is noted on each staff file.
3. Repair fence near the sandbox area.

Concerns are again noted for the location of hand washing sink in the infant room. Staff have to actually step out of the program area and into restroom areas to use the hand washing sinks. If it is determined that ratio is a concern with this, then it will become a requirement for the center to install at least one hand washing sink within the program room. Otherwise, extra staff will need to be on hand at the center in order to assist in the room while staff step into restroom areas to assist with restroom and hand washing activity. This was discussed with the center director and staff.

This center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation(s) and/or concern(s) noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 03/03/2026

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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