Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Kirkwood Kares Inc BASP **Enrollment:** 46 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24259

Street: 1401 9th ST **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1401 9th ST, Coralville, IA, 52241

Director's Name: Abbie Knight **Phone Number:** 319-331-7888

On-Site Supervisor(s): Irma Torres **E-Mail:** kirkwoodkares@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-16-2023

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-30-2023

FIRE INSPECTION **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 10-21-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General				90	90
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 11-20-2023

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Kirkwood Kares Inc. on 11/16/2023. The center provides care for school aged children. The center is open from 7:00am to 5:30pm. The center has 46 children enrolled. The center is inside of Kirkwood Elementary School. They utilize the cafeteria, gym, library, kitchen area, office and restrooms. The center's fire inspection was completed on 10/21/2022.

The director is Abbie Knight. Abbie started in 2005. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Linguistics with an Emphasis in TESL.

The onsite supervisor is Irma Torres. She has worked at the center since 2016. Irma has a Bachelor's Degree.

This worker observed all programming space and reviewed the curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times.

The center does offer field trips during the summer.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center offers a fun activity daily and additional options of games in gym, board games, outside play, homework assistance, drawing/coloring or legos/blocks
-The center has the University of Iowa Nursing Students visit to give health lessons.
-The director gives the families monthly newsletters.
-The director has been with the program for 18 years. Three staff have been with the program for 7 years.
-Staff files, child files and licensing notebook are well organized and in full compliance.

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-In the kitchen area staff purses and cleaning supplies was accessible. These items must be stored inaccessible to children at all times. The director is encouraged to post/share this with center staff:
https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.