



Health and
Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kids World Day Care and Preschool

Provider No.: 16034

Address: 722 N First St, Centerville, IA, 52544

County: Appanoose

Director's Name: Terri Johnson

On-Site Supervisor: Dawn Johnson & Becca Braster

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HHS Visit Date: 09/11/2025

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

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/18/2025

Comments: conducted by Centerville Fire Department, due annually

Report Visit Type:

- ☐ PTO
- ☒ Licensing Visit
- ☐ Drop In
- ☐ Administrative Change

License Type:

- ☒ Full
- ☐ Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 2

- ☐ Accrediation

Program Duration:

- ☒ Year-Round
- ☐ School Year
- ☐ Summer Only



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HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>
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:

- ☒ Infant(0-<24 Months)
☒ Toddler
☒ PreSchool
☒ School Age
☐ All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	8	16	64	20	108
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Kids World Day Care and Preschool is located in a single story, wood frame building specifically constructed for child care on the campus of Indian Hills Community College in Centerville. The building also houses classrooms and office for Appanoose County Head Start, also a licensed child care center. The program provides full day child care to children ages 6 weeks through school age. The center is owned and operated by Appanoose County Day Care, Inc., a non-profit community organization. The director is Terri Johnson. Ms. Johnson has a BA in Business Administration from Graceland University with an emphasis in management, a National Administrator Credential (NAC), and 28 years of experience in licensed child care centers. Dawn Johnson (22 years experience) and Becca Braster (32 years experience) are the onsite supervisors for the program. Both OSS have numerous years of experience providing childcare at the center. Enrollment is 80 children.

Kid's World is a 501C® non-profit child care center. It has a Board of Directors which meet once a month. On 9/11/25, I made an unannounced licensing visit to Kids World Daycare and Preschool and met with Director Terri Johnson, and both On Site Supervisors. Other visits have been made to the center throughout the year. At the time of the visit, staff were actively engaged in providing the child care program to the children. All program areas were observed. The visit consisted of classroom and building area review and observations of activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The center occupies five classrooms in the building, an office, and laundry area. The program contains a small kitchen area. All classrooms have attached restrooms. The center also has a director's office and janitorial/laundry areas. The center is clean, bright, attractive and equipped with a satisfactory variety of new child sized furniture, equipment, toys, games, and activities for the children. Educational Programs:
Nursery Program (Ages 6 weeks to 18 months)



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The infant room offers care based on individual needs of each child. Staff in this room offer experiences that incorporate the senses and early curiosity about the world. They read books and are often on the floor interacting with the children.

Toddler Program (Ages 18 months to 2 years)

Toddlers are offered a variety of opportunities to explore their world through play. Gross motor skills and social skills are developed through both structured and unstructured play. Schedules include music, art, dance, story times, and more.

Handwriting Without Tears is also utilized as part of the curriculum.

Creative Curriculum is implemented in the 3 year old preschool classroom. Games teaching pre-reading skills including phonemic awareness and letter and sound recognition; basic math concepts; and hands-on science exploration. Spanish is included in curriculum weekly.

The 4 year old program is a part of Iowa's Voluntary Preschool Program. A licensed teacher is certified in early childhood. Well-planned learning centers that allow for child choice, self-directed play, and supportive teaching that prepares children for academic success. The Creative Curriculum.net system is used to keep parents informed of their children's development. Spanish lessons are given weekly. Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum is implemented. Handwriting Without Tears is also an important part of the curriculum.

Elementary/After School (Ages 5 to 12) School-age children are given a quiet environment for homework and projects, with supervised access to computers and tutoring/assistance as needed. Schedules consist of crafts, games, snacks, and physical activities indoors and outdoors.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed:

Meals are served family style in the classrooms and posted menus indicate that minimum nutritional requirements are met. The center cooks breakfast. Lunch is catered by Cult Classic catering. The center serves pm snack. The kitchen contains new equipment, sufficient storage for center food, and sufficient dish washing capacity to accommodate a center of this size. The center kitchen was remodeled in 2021. The center participates in CACFP. They had a good CACFP review this year. CACFP reached out to the center board regarding the review. Jason, the kitchen manager has been employed at the center for six years. I also met with him the date of the visit and toured the kitchen.

Center Health and Safety:

The center administers prescription and non-prescription medication in accordance with licensing regulations, physician directions, and parental consent. The center is in compliance with regulations regarding staff and child hand washing, storage and maintenance of a first aid kit, emergency plans and drills for fire and tornado, environmental testing (radon, carbon monoxide detectors and fuel burning appliances annual inspection) and the maintenance of any necessary detection equipment, and general regulations regarding safety and sanitation policies and procedures.

Center Playground:

The center has a fenced and naturally shaded outdoor play area immediately beside the center. The area currently features a commercial climbing and play structures and rubber chip surfacing of adequate depth. New chips were added last year. Mold was removed from some of the playground structures. Fencing is adequate. The Childcare Outdoor Weather Watch is utilized when outdoor play is questionable due to varying weather conditions. First aid kits, emergency contacts and medications are taken outdoors with the children. Shade is provided by climbing equipment and the building. Playground inspections are completed monthly.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips:

The center complies with rules regarding an extra staff member during transportation and field trips. All children have field trip permission slips on file. The center utilizes a Centerville School District bus when transporting on field trips. Emergency contacts and a first aid kit are taken each trip. The center has the ice cream truck stop by in the summer and went to the movie theatre once a week. The zoo visited this summer and brought animals. The center also had a Parent Art Show.

Center Administrative Records: The center is in compliance with regulations regarding required notices and postings and required written policies provided to parents in the form of a parent handbook.

Staff and child records were examined during this inspection. They are reviewed annually. Staff and child records are complete and well organized. Appanoose County Public Health Nurse Rebecca Pfannebecker conducted a child file audit in



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November and assisted the program to get immunization certificates from IRIS. All children have current physicals, immunizations and pick up authorizations, emergency contacts and dental and medical information. Each December packets are sent home with parents so that all updates are current.

Staff files were compliant. Fingerprints for all staff are up to date (every 4 years). SING checks due every 2 years are present on all employees. Mandatory Reporter training (every 3) and CPR/1st Aid training (every 2 years) was present for all staff. Professional Development training due annually was also up to date.

Kids World participated in a PBIS cohort lead by the Department of Education with Coordinator Tom Rendon in the past. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports is a program supported by the Iowa Department of Education to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavior competence. It is a center-wide strategy for helping all children achieve important social and learning goals. Kids World stated, "We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our children will excel in their learning. Kid's World is proud to be part of this exciting initiative."

As part of the PBIS program, the center established four clear rules for behavior in all classrooms. Staff explicitly teach those expectations to the children and reward them frequently with positive notes and praise for great behavior. Staff use techniques such as, "What are the rules of your school?" "How do you follow those rules?" "When happens when a teacher sees you following the rules?" Our center rules will specifically address behaviors, provide for a safer school environment, and give more time for instruction and experiences. We will apply consistent consequences and positive reinforcement for all kids. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching to kids in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our building, including the children, teachers, kitchen manager, and our paraprofessionals." This is best practice and is duly noted.

The center has a specific emergency preparedness plan. All staff are trained on the plan annually and sign and date acknowledgement of such.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

A.D.L.M 4 Counties for Kids Empowerment Board assists Kids World in offering scholarships to children in the three-year-old preschool program who qualify. To qualify, the families of the children must meet certain income guidelines.

OSS Dawn Johnson and 3 year old teacher Becca Braster won the Governor's Stem Council grants two years ago. Dawn was awarded two and Becca one. Ms. Johnson was elected for teacher of the year again this year.

Raises are given when the program is able.

Becca Braster, a long time employee of the center was awarded Teacher of the Year by NAEYC.

Meet the Teacher Night for Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program preschoolers are held each summer. Preschool home visits were conducted during enrollment.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

1. 109.11(2)b: Program space must meet the following conditions: Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff. Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all children who nap. Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing must be maintained. The center will have sufficient toilet articles for each child for hand washing.

Children in two rooms were too close together during nap time.

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



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5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to continue to monitor day to day practice and adjust accordingly to continue to ensure licensing rule is met consistently. It is important to note, all HHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

HHS encourages you to contact your local nurse consultant Tammy Merrill. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website for more information. <http://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants> CCNC Lauderman visited the center in March 2023 for a meet and greet. Kids World signed aBPA in March 2025 and receives a monthly newsletter from CCNC Tammy Merrill.

HHS encourages you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral consultant Karen Lauer. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website for more information: <http://www.iowaccrr.org> CCR&R worked frequently with the center in 2019/2020 prior to the pandemic. They continue to do so and are a great support for the center according to the Director. Consultant Lauer has conducted observations in the two year old room this past year three times in late summer and early fall months. She also worked with the center on IQ4K in the spring in person. She stated, "Here is the work I have done with Kids World since 9.15.24:

TA's: 43 (environments, safety, refer/support to other programs, training consultation, consultant tool, quality improvement program, IQ4K along with Business Policies and Practices.

Visits: 9 (NAPSACC, behavior supports, environments, training consultation, IQ4K along with Business Policies and Practices.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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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>.