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

Name of Center: Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool **Enrollment:** 153 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6222

Street: 113 W 7th Street **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 113 W 7th St, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Keely Fara **Phone Number:** 712-792-1375

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lexi Flug **E-Mail:** keelycacccp@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-13-2023

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:** 05-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-14-2020

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years. The center will be due for another inspection in 7/2023.

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: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age 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	32	30	106	0	168
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 06-14-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 6/13/23. The director and on-site supervisor were both present for the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Carroll Area Child Care Center and Preschool serves children ages two weeks old to roughly five years old. The center uses the Creative Learning Curriculum and their own curriculum they have developed over the years. Once children become school age, they can go to the related Carroll Center that is next door that serves school-age children. The center is overseen by a Board. Keely Fara is the director at this center and the school-age center next door as of 11/2021. Keely was previously the on-site supervisor at this location. Keely has a BA degree and several years of experience working in child care. Lexi Flug is the on-site supervisor at this location since 12/2021. Lexi has a BA degree and also has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were observed napping in cribs, being held, being bottle fed, engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up in classrooms, washing their hands, and sitting down for lunch. Staff were involved and engaged with all children and their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a large, indoor play area that they use when weather does not permit outdoor play.

A weekly and/or monthly newsletter is sent out to parents (email or hard copy).

Quarterly staff meetings are held to cover licensing regulations. Weekly notes are sent to staff to review each week.

The director and on-site supervisor also attend roughly quarterly director meetings within the surrounding area.

There is a secure entrance into the center. Security cameras are also in place.

The center participates in the food program (CACFP).

The center participates in IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

The center will provide a certain brand of baby formula and baby food free of charge.

The center has an employee recognition program for good work. Staff reportedly work really well together.

The center works closely with the Family Resource Center and also has good community supports and relationships.

The center has a website and a Facebook page.

Files were well organized.

The director and on-site supervisor are organized.

Extra staff are scheduled during the summer months for higher ratios/supervision.

The Board is highly involved in the center's operations.

Several staff are involved with the TEACH and WAGES programs.

The center uses the Pro-Care system for communication with parents, signing children in and out of the center, etc.

Phones are in all classrooms.

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

237A.7: Information regarding a child in a child care center or their relative is confidential. If this information is released by visual, verbal or written means, written consent from the parent or guardian is in the file or a court order allowing the release of the information.
Medication forms/information should not be visible in classrooms.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children.
Phone cords should be more secure so they are not freely dangling and accessible to children.

109.15(1): Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
The schedules in several classrooms need to be adjusted some as discussed at the visit between lunch and PM snack.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The annual furnace inspection was last on file is from 4/11/23.

Radon testing was conducted 5/6/23 - 5/11/23. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. Because of this, the center can move to testing every five years. At the next test, if radon levels remain below the 4.0 cutoff, the center can remain on the every five year schedule. If 4.0 or higher, retesting will be needed, mitigation, and the center would move back to again every two years.

For transportation/field trips, if not a walking field trip, the center contacts with the Carroll School District.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.