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

Name of Center: Kid Time Connections Inc dba The Birds Nest **Enrollment:** 112 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 33505

Street: 500 Grant St S **City:** Bondurant Iowa **Zip** 50035 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 500 Grant St S, Bondurant, IA, 50035

Director's Name: Jill Sullivan, Felicia Collison (owners) **Phone Number:** 515-957-1386

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lindsay Schaper **E-Mail:** thebondurantbirdsnest@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-14-2024

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:** 07-02-2024

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

Date Inspected: 07-23-2024

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit 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				178	178
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2024 to 08-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 08-22-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The Bird's Nest opened in August 2010. They provide child care services for school age children and are open year round. They are located in a single standing building that has a secured entrance. Jill Sullivan and Felicia Felicia Collison are the co-owners. Jill has a BA in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. Jill was a teacher and also worked as an Early Access Coordinator prior to opening up this center. Felicia has an AA degree in Business Administration. Lindsay Schaper is the director. She began in this role in June 2019. Lindsay has a BA in Child, Adult and Family Services. Lindsay worked at the Birds Nest previously as well as another child care center prior to becoming the assistant director at The Bird's Nest.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Schedules/lesson plans are in place also. The center has four classrooms within the center: the cafeteria/multipurpose room, play zone, game zone and media zone. There is a name board that lists all program rooms as well as the playground. This board allows children to pick what room they would like to be in and also shows children how many spaces are left in each classroom. All classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate toys, games and furnishings. Children have coat hooks and cubbies in classrooms, where they put their belongings each day.

Lindsay was present and she assisted with today's visit. There were ten staff working today. There were ninety seven children present today. Children were observed in all four program rooms. The Multipurpose room is used for art activities. The Media zone has a PS4. There are reading areas also. The play zone room has interest areas set up for children, such as legos/lego table, tiles, art/crafts, dramatic play, puppet center, blocks. The game zone room has board games, a wii and a PlayStation. Ratio requirements were met or exceeded in all classrooms.

The playground has a fenced playground. There is an area with basketball hoops. There is an area with wood chip surfacing that has three climbing structures. There are swings in this area also. The center completed monthly playground checks.

The center has a complete kitchen. The center serves afternoon snack during the school year. During the summer the center serves morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed. There were some items being served that aren't credible. This is a repeat violation. This worker reviewed CACFP credible snack and breakfast items with Lindsay. Lindsay said changes would be made to the menus.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director has several years of experience working with young children. The center has spacious classrooms. The program classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings and toys.

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

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking. Some foods being served for snack and breakfast aren't credible.
REPEAT VIOLATION

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-725-2635; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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