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

Name of Center: Kids Campus - Stuart **Enrollment:** 24 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50698

Street: 320 NE 3rd St **City:** Stuart Iowa **Zip** 50250 **County:** Guthrie

Mailing Address: PO BOX 392, Dallas Center, IA, 50063

Director's Name: Jamie Reeves - Navin **Phone Number:** 515-993-1190

On-Site Supervisor(s): Marnie Wells **E-Mail:** adel@kidskornertwo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-09-2023

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:** 09-20-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-15-2022

Comments : State Fire Marshal. State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

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	0	0	0	30	30
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: Nate Knepper **Date:** 10-10-2023

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 10/9/23. The owner/director was present for the visit as was another staff member.

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.

Kids Campus -Stuart is a program in Stuart, IA in the Stuart Elementary School. The program was given permission to open on 8/23/19. The program serves school-age children year-round using a S.T.E.M learning curriculum as well as parts of the Creative Learning Curriculum. Before school hours are 6:30am - 8:00am. After school hours are 3:30pm - 6:00pm. Full day programming is 6:30am - 6:00pm.

Lezlie Ellerman is the owner of this program. Lezlie is also the owner/head director at the other three related programs (Kids Korners I and II as well as Kids Campus Dallas Center). The main director at this site is Jamie Reeves - Navin. Jamie has an AA degree and past experience working in child care including Kids Korner II. Marnie Wells is once again the on-site supervisor at this location. Marnie meets the qualification for on-site supervisor. She was initially approved to be the on-site supervisor in 7/2019.

The center primarily uses one classroom within the school although they also have access to an outdoor playground area as well as the indoor gym.

During the visit, children were observed engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations made available to them in the classroom. Staff were walking back and forth between the different groups of children and talking to and visiting with children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center meets a growing need the community. Enrollment remains steady.

This center is affiliated with Kids Korners I and II as well as Kids Campus in Dallas Center. The same policies, procedures, staff, etc. are interchangeable. There is continuity.

The director is organized as is the on-site supervisor.

The center focuses on S.T.E.M. curriculum with children.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel. The center also has good community relationships

and good family relationships with the children/families they serve.

There is an electronic online app for increased communication with families.

All adult staff are para - educators.

Exterior cameras are in place on the playground (playground right outside main entrance)

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain: A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1 minor staff has not yet been fingerprinted. All staff, regardless of age, have to be fingerprinted in order to work in child care.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
There are still some issues with pea gravel surfacing being insufficient around fall zones, although it is much improved from the past two visits. THIS IS AN ONGOING ISSUE.

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 full-day schedule will need to be altered some as discussed at the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing because they only serve school-age children in a school building. If the program in the future decides to serve preschool children (wrap-around care) then they will have to perform radon testing, have a carbon monoxide detector, and have annual boiler/furnace inspections.

The center primarily takes walking field trips to different businesses and agencies close by.

I-Power was discussed at the visit and IQ4K was briefly discussed at the visit.

It is recommended more outdoor playground-style mats be purchased and placed underneath the swings to help preserve pea gravel surfacing.

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.