

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

Name of Center: Kids Zone-Center Point **Enrollment:** 60 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 42659

Street: 101 Palo Road **City:** Center Point **Iowa** **Zip** 52213 **County:** Linn

Mailing Address: 5399 W Otter Rd, Walker, IA, 52352

Director's Name: Debra Hansen **Phone Number:** 319-551-3222

On-Site Supervisor(s): Debra Hansen **E-Mail:** shae1015@aol.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-10-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X NA

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-29-2023

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** NA

Accreditation: **Accredited** **NAEYC** **NSACA** **Other** X NA

Program Serves: **Infants (0-23 mo.)** **2 Years** X **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			5	55	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons

Date: 03-05-2025

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

Not applicable.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Kids Zone - Center Point is located inside Center Point Primary School which is part of the Center Point - Urbana Community School District. Kids Zone - Center Point is a profit program that operates year-round, Monday through Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm. During the school-year, the program operates before and after-school/preschool hours. The program offers full-days of care or extended hours on early-outs, some inclement weather days, some holidays, and during the summer. Kids Zone -Center Point serves preschool and school-age children. Current enrollment is 63.

Owner/director/on-site supervisor is Debra Hansen. Ms. Hansen has been the owner and director since January, 2010. Ms. Hansen has an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and several years experience working with children.

On 2/10/2025, program space was observed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kids Zone – Center Point is well established in a predominantly rural area and has been in operation for several years. Kids Zone offers full-time and part-time options to help meet the needs of children and families in the community. The program accepts a variety of funding.

Kids Zone - Center Point sponsors a private social media page.

The goal of Kids Zone - Center Point is "...to provide a safe, fun, environment for your child before and after school and throughout the summer..."

The program's owner/director is Ms. Hansen. Ms. Hansen is a local entrepreneur invested in the Center Point and surrounding communities. Ms. Hansen has over 14 years of experience working with children including prior work as a school paraeducator. Ms. Hansen is knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as her own program's policies and procedures. Ms. Hansen continues to develop systems of organization to help ensure administrative items are completed as required and maintained in a secure manner. Ms. Hansen discussed how several of her staff are new employees.

Kids Zone - Center Point has emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. The program successfully navigated through the 2019 winter Polar Vortex, 2019 health (covid-19) pandemic, 8/10/20 Derecho Storm, 2021 food supply issues, 2022 infant formula shortages, 2023 air quality alerts and 7/19/24 global technology outage.

Kids Zone - Center Point collaborates well with many community partners including the Center Point Community School District, local businesses, CCR&R, and health professionals. School administration, school kitchen personnel, school nurse, and school custodial staff help ensure the program space is sanitary and hazard free each day. The school kitchen is inspected at least annually by the health department. There is an AED on-site.

Kids Point - Center Point continues efforts at optimal communication between the program/staff and families. The program has an organized parent-staff/program information center, offers regular program newsletters, utilizes technological communication resources, and supports family programming activities. Curriculum supports literacy activities including time for daily homework and a daily summer reading program. The program's curriculum incorporates on-site guest speaker events and summer off-site field trip experiences. Off-site field trip experiences include trips to the park, movie theater, and local dairy farm.

Kids Zone - Center Point has access to their own primary program space located in room #411. Children have access to many supplies and materials.

Each child is engaged in a daily health check upon arrival for early detection of apparent illness, communicable disease, or unusual condition or behavior which may adversely affect the child or the group. The program has policies and procedures in place for hand washing, cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing. Cleaning supplies were observed on-site.

On the day of the monitoring visit, staff were nurturing and attentive to the children's needs. Activities observed included full-day/no-school gathering activities and child-selected activities (e.g. board games, child provided electronics, dramatic play). A movie was observed to be playing in the background during play. Routine transitions (e.g. clean-up events, large gross motor play) worked smoothly into the program's welcoming and cooperative play environment. Staff were overheard providing children with many words of encouragement and offering positive redirection when needed. Children responded well to staff and appeared to be truly enjoying their day.

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

109.6(6): Record checks

- Two staff files reviewed (JW hired 9/2024; DH) lacked documentation of federal record check results.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.

- Two staff files reviewed (JW hired 9/2024; DH) lacked documentation of a physical exam.

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

- One staff file reviewed (JW hired 9/2024) lacked documentation of current UP, mandatory child abuse reporter training, and Essentials.
- One staff file reviewed (DH) lacked documentation of current first-aid and CPR.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.

- Two child files reviewed (KM, AM) lacked documentation of an annual update.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

- Documentation of a monthly fire drill was not found since November 2024.
- Documentation of a monthly tornado drill was not found since November 2024.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

- Documentation of a monthly outdoor playground inspection was not found since December 2024.
- Cushion surfacing was not observed underneath or in the fall zones of an area of single axis swings. Childcare children shall not use until sufficient cushion surfacing is added.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Continue to collaborate with the school district regarding maintenance of the outdoor playground (e.g. adequate cushion surface depth, chipping/rusting equipment, power washing of outdoor equipment). If areas of the outdoor playground become unsatisfactory, the childcare shall refrain from accessing those areas until remedies are made.

No child or group of children shall access the back childcare room without staff or careful supervision.

A doorbell-camera entry system is strongly recommended as the program is a distance from the childcare's assigned main entry and exit door.

It is beneficial to note, Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) and the nurse consultant are excellent resources to

access training opportunities and support in the area.

The program's license remains in full force. Thank you for the visit.

*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.