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

Name of Center: Kids Depot Of Iowa City **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24277

Street: 502 Reno ST **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 502 Reno ST, Iowa City, IA, 52245

Director's Name: Magille Gerock and Kendra Strobel **Phone Number:** 319-354-7868

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melissa Murphy and Carrie Overturf **E-Mail:** kidsdepotiowacity@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-25-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-05-2024

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

Date Inspected: 03-06-2024

Comments : Does Comply.

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: 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*
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			

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	26	12	31		69
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2024 to 05-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 07-02-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Kids Depot of Iowa City LLC for an annual visit on 6/19/24. The center provides childcare for infants to preschool aged children. They currently have 45 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 3/6/24.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit. The center has four classrooms, two extra classrooms, cubby room, kitchen and office.

The center directors are Magille Gerock and Kendra Strobel. Magille started in 11/2001. Kendra started in 1/2018.

The onsite supervisors are Melissa Murphy and Carrie Overturf. Melissa started in 3/1998. Carrie started in 11/2007.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit. The center practiced emergency drills as required. The center had completed radon testing as required. The center had completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector.

The center's curriculum is teacher created. The center does offer field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

The center communicates with parents by via: Brightwheel, emails, in person conversations and phone calls.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-Melissa started in 1998. Magille started in 2001. Carrie started in 2007. Kendra started in 2018.
-Child and staff files are in full compliance
-The center is using Bright Wheel for open parent communication.
-The center ensures that staff are appropriately trained by having them take an additional 12 hour course their first year called Passports to ECE: Teacher and Staff Orientation Core Program. This is offered through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.
-The center staff and children spend a lot of time outdoors. Staff does an excellent job of walking around the playground to ensure careful supervision.

-The center's website can be found at: https://www.ickidsdepot.org/

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. The center must comply with the minimum requirements as defined in state laws and rules governing the standards for childcare centers. The childcare consultant will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year

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 to address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all the above-mentioned violations.

It is imperative that the director has a full understanding of Iowa Code 109 and Comm. 204. They can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/providers/ccc/ under HHS Regulations.

The director is strongly encouraged to work with their Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

Please do not hesitate to contact the licensing consultant, Heidi Brown, if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 515-631-8846 or heidi.brown@hhs.iowa.gov

*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.