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

Name of Center: KuemperCares **Enrollment:** 107 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46427

Street: 109 S Clark ST **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 109 S Clark ST, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Chelsey Goetzinger **Phone Number:** 712-210-6605

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kelsey Bierl and Madeline Wagner **E-Mail:** cmgoetzinger@kuemper.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-29-2025

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: 06-17-2022

Comments : 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 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	0	0	52	32	84
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-14-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off year licensing visit was made to Kuemper Cares on 4-29-2025. The child care program is owned by Kuemper Catholic School and is located in Kuemper Catholic School. The program offers programming to preschool to school age children. Three year old preschool, four/five year old wrap around child care and before and after school care are provided during the school year. Full day child care is offered during the summer for preschool to school age children. There are 107 children enrolled.
Chelsey Goetzinger became the director as in April 2019, she has an associates degree and several years experience in the child care field.
I met with the director, Chelsey Goetzinger during my licensing visit. The center was given permission to open under HHS licensing on 12/14/15. Prior to this date, the center was under the Department of Education's supervision.

Observation of rooms:
Four program rooms are used. All program rooms look great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. School age room, Older preschool and TK children, Four - five year olds, Three year old room - only used during the school year. Overflow room - used for bigger kids, nap room and for large motor activities - this room is usually used three days a week in the summer. The program rooms have lesson plans/activities.
There were seventeen children taking a nap in the wrap around nap room, one staff was supervising, the room was too dark. The room must be light enough to see the children's faces and chest rise/breathing. Six children were in the three year old preschool room with two staff.
Toys and equipment are rotated frequently.
The center uses a combination of the Creative Learning Curriculum and their own curriculum with children.
Staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.

Nutrition:
The school provides the lunch, the center provides the snack. During the summer the school participates in the free breakfast and lunch program. The menus are posted. Proper food storage was observed. When children bring their lunch make sure they are stored in the refrigerator.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
The school is responsible for radon testing. Radon testing was completed 2/22/22 - 2/24/22, all classrooms came back with radon levels below 4.0 pCi/L. The fuel burning inspection/boiler inspections expire in June 2024 and one expired in May 2024. Chelsey will get the current boiler inspection reports. The center has first aid kits. Medication management procedures are followed. The center has their emergency preparedness procedures.
The center is using Clorox Hydrogen Peroxide for sanitizing and disinfecting. The center was following the three step bottle procedure 1. Soap water for mixing 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing/disinfecting.

Playground:
The school playground is used, and a green space in front of the center for the three year old program - this area isn't fenced.
Monthly playground safety inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. Field trips are taken during the summer months - the school district bus and driver are used or a smaller bus that school teachers and child care staff can drive.

Administrative records:
Monthly meetings are held with the lead teachers and staff meeting are held at the start of summer and fall programming.
The center is applying for level 3 IQ4K.
The center meets with Family Resource Center services on a regular basis and they have worked with Child Care Resource and Referral.
The noncompliance item from the 2024 licensing evaluation were reviewed and they have all been corrected.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Chelsey and her team are very organized, enthusiastic and proud of the center. Staff had excellent interaction with the children, they were positive, kind and attentive to the needs of the children.
The center is able to utilize other school services/resources as needed.
Some grants have been received for the three year old program.
Full-time staff are eligible for school benefits. Several staff are also participating in the T.E.A.C.H. program.
The center is working on IQ4K level 3.

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

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room’s arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
Additional concerns: The children in the wrap around program were taking a nap and the room was too dark. The room must be light enough to see the children's faces and to see their chest rise/breathing.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 4-1-2024 to 4-1-2026.
Off year licensing visit 4-29-2025.

*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.