

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

Name of Center: Kids Korner Day Care Center Inc **Enrollment:** 65 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 17740

Street: 300 5th Ave NE **City:** Clarion Iowa **Zip** 50525 **County:** Wright

Mailing Address: PO Box 184, Clarion, IA, 50525

Director's Name: Joleen Gonzales **Phone Number:** 515-532-2778

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kidskorner@clargold.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-09-2016

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

Date Inspected: 12-15-2015

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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	12	6	48	23	89
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 01-01-2016 to 01-01-2018
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury

Date: 01-23-2017

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An announced off year visit was made to the Kids Korner Day Care Center on 12-09-16 where I met with center director Joleen Gonzales. The program is located in two classrooms of the Clarion middle school though the program is operated independently of the school and overseen by a separate board of directors. The center provides programming for infants through school age children. There are currently 65 children enrolled in the program. The purpose of the visit was to review those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards in the prior visit along with a brief review of the center as a whole.

CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS:

As noted the center has two rooms, an infant room, and a pre-school/school age room. Both rooms have a large bank of windows that provide natural lighting, ventilation, and a view of the outdoors. One window in each classroom is also designated as a secondary emergency exit. Both classrooms have sinks located in the room to facilitate hand washing. The preschool/school age room also has restroom facilities located just off the main programming space. No concerns were noted with regard to any issues related to design or maintenance.

The infant room was observed to clean with an area separated by shelving to create a play space for the infants. The rest of the room is used for cribs, high chairs, and a counter for changing diapers, bottle prep, and paperwork. There was a good selection of toys for the children to choose from placed on the floor where they could be easily accessed. There are chairs located in the area for the staff to use when feeding or rocking infants but staff members were also observed to be down on the floor with the children providing both engagement and supervision. The center did remove some large shelving units from this room which has created more space in the crib and feeding area. In observing cribs it was noted that mobiles were present in three cribs, and one crib had a fitted sheet that was too small. The diaper changing area does need to have a new posting hung identifying proper diaper changing procedures.

The other classroom is a large space used for the preschool and school age children. The space has been modified since the last visit with removing some of the panel dividers so that there are now three classrooms with more space provided for the preschool and school age children. The other two spaces are used for 2 year olds, and 3 year olds. Each room is divided into activity centers through the use of furniture, shelving, and play structures. Items in the classrooms for the younger children that could pose a choking or other safety risk are kept in storage and are brought out for supervised small group activities. Additional toys and materials are kept in cabinets and a storage closet.

Good interactions were observed with the teachers in each room being engaged with the children working on projects, reading, or providing assistance to the children. A daily schedule and curriculum are posted and were being followed.

NUTRITION:

The center does have a kitchen and meals are prepared on-site. A menu is posted and substitutions were documented. The center does participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The kitchen was clean and good food handling and storage practices were observed. Meals are served in the classrooms. The teachers do sit and eat with the children to provide supervision and model good eating habits.

HEALTH & SAFETY:

The center did have children that are currently taking prescription medications and established policies and procedures for the authorization, administration, documentation, and storage of medications were followed. The center does have a main first aid kit in addition to smaller first aid kits that are maintained in each classroom. The kits contain materials sufficient to respond to most common first aid needs. Kits are stored in an area where they are available but not readily accessible to the children. Signs are posted to identify the location.

Good hand washing practices were observed in the center on a whole with staff reminding children to wash their hands and ensuring they do so in an effective manner. General cleaning practices need to be reviewed. The center uses soapy water and bleach water solutions to clean and disinfect surfaces but the bottles need to be labeled as to the contents and directions of use. The bleach water needs to be labeled as mix fresh daily and should identify the dilution ratio, dwell time, and intended purpose if different dilutions are used for various applications.

Inspection certificates and logs for the fire marshal, boilers, radon, emergency drills, carbon monoxide detection, and playground were not reviewed during this visit.

PLAYGROUND:

The center makes use of the school playground, and another area which is a larger paved area. The playground was not reviewed during this visit due to weather and snow cover. Prior reports identify that there are several climbing structures and the children are limited to those which are appropriate to their age. Wood chips are used for fall surfacing material and mats are also used in landing areas to reduce the effect of the material being displaced. Several trees and a covered shelter are present and provide shade. The playground is fenced and also encompasses a large grassy area where the children can play.

TRANSPORTATION / FIELD TRIPS:

The center does engage in some field trips and off-site activities such as going to the community pool or library. A general release is provided by parents at the time of enrollment. The activities are generally within walking distance of the center but if transportation is needed community busing services are contracted.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS:

All required notices including the center license, no smoking, mandatory reporting, and consultant contact information were posted in an area that was readily visible and accessible to parents and visitors. A brief review of child and staff files was conducted. The children's files that were reviewed were generally in compliance with only a couple needing updated physicals. Staff files continue to be an area of concern as each file reviewed was missing some element of required documentation. It is noted that some of the files that were reviewed were identified as being employees that were no longer with the center and these should be moved to another area for storage. Jolene stated that the teachers are working to complete the new required Essentials of Childcare training. The center has created the new required policies for Emergency Relocation and Lockdown.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This program has made several changes which seek to improve the classroom space for the children.

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, Form B, that was submitted prior to employment. 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.

--Documentation not found in all files.

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.

--Documentation not found in all files.

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.

--Documentation not found in all files.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within

30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

Number not in compliance: 2

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.

--Evacuation maps and information needed in the infant room.

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: classroom teachers need to read and follow label directions for use of chemical cleaners. Bottles of chemical cleaners need to be labeled.

109.12(5)b: Infants diapered in a sanitary manner as needed in central diapering area. One changing table for every 15 infants/toddlers needing diaper changes. Diapering, sanitation, and handwashing procedures posted and implemented in central diapering area.

--Diapering procedures posting was not present on the day of my visit.

109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant. No co-sleeping shall be allowed. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician authorization with statement of medical reason is required.

--Mobiles were present in 3 cribs, improperly fitted sheet in 1 crib.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license will remain in effect at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant within 10 working days of the receipt of this report identifying a plan of action to correct those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. At least one visit will be made to the center during the non-licensing year.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515268-2277 (office) 515-339-2456 (cell); email rsalsbu@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.

*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.

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