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

Name of Center: Westlakes KinderCare **Enrollment:** 85 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27840

Street: 6670 University AVE **City:** West Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50266 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 6670 University AVE, West Des Moines, IA, 50266

Director's Name: Stacy Cardoza **Phone Number:** 515-221-0718

On-Site Supervisor(s): Shelby Jorgensen **E-Mail:** 301789@klcorp.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-15-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-07-2021

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

Date Inspected: 03-04-2022

Comments : West Des Moines Fire Department

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	36	34	64		134
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 01-01-2022 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-27-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Westlakes KinderCare is owned by Knowledge Universe Corporation. This center serves children ages six weeks to five years. Stacy Cardoza is the director. Shelby Jorgensen is the on site supervisor. The center has a secured entrance as well as secured doors to get in the classrooms. Families have a code to enter. There is a door bell for others to use to alert the staff that someone is at the center's entrance.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules are posted. Classroom lesson plans were available. Each classroom has age appropriate supplies, furnishings, toys and learning supplies. Classrooms for older children have defined interest centers.

Shelby Jorgensen assisted with the visit. The infant classroom had eight infants present. Two staff were working in the infant classroom. There were two toddler classrooms in operation. Both classrooms had seven toddlers present. Each classroom had two staff working. A 2's classroom had twelve children present. There were two staff working with this group. A 2/3's classroom had eleven children in attendance. Children were seen during child directed play activities. Staff were seen reading books to children and assisting the children with their individual activities.

The center serves morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The menus are on a four week rotation. The menus reviewed today showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

The center has an outdoor playground that has fencing. There is rubber tiles, grass and concrete for surfacing. The center completes monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KinderCare centers are well supported through the corporate office. The center has NAEYC accreditation and also participates in QRS. The center has earned a four star rating. The center has a website through their corporate office. Staff pictures are posted in the main foyer and in the classrooms. Lesson plans are individualized for children under twelve months of age. The center has a secured entrance and locked doors at the classrooms.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during the annual visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

A vinyl climber in a toddler classroom wasn't in good condition. The vinyl was broken in several areas which makes it difficult to sanitize. This worker recommended the climber be removed from the classroom.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email mlarson@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.

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