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

Name of Center: KinderCare Learning Center - Ankeny **Enrollment:** 105 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50489

Street: 3055 N Ankeny Blvd **City:** Ankeny Iowa **Zip** 50021 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3055 N Ankeny BlvdLegal Name: REE Midwest Inc., Ankeny, IA, 50021

Director's Name: Brianne Watson **Phone Number:** 515-964-0688

On-Site Supervisor(s): Taylor Proctor **E-Mail:** ankeny@kindercare.com

Date(s) of Visit:

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:** 12-30-2022

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

Date Inspected: 01-06-2022

Comments :

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 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	48	28	40	30	146
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:		
	FULL license from	
X	**PROVISIONAL** license from	12-01-2023 to 12-01-2024
	DENIAL of initial application	
	SUSPENSION of license	
	REVOCATION of license	

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 01-03-2024

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

The center will be completing a Corrective Action Plan.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The center is being placed on a provisional license effective 12/1/23.
The most recent complaint visit was completed 12/5/23. The center has struggled a great deal over the past year. The center has had five complaints with violations found since October 2022. The center has had three directors during this time frame.

KinderCare Learning Center - Ankeny opened in March 2019. . This daycare is one of many daycares owned and operated by KinderCare Corporation, a nationwide company. This child care center is located in a single standing building that has a secured entrance. The center serves children ages infant through school age. Faith Contreas is the director. Faith has been the director since July 2022. Faith has experience as a director prior to coming to KinderCare.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted in individual classrooms. Classrooms are well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys. Older children's classrooms have well defined interest centers.

Faith was present and assisted with today's visit. There were two infant classrooms, two toddler classrooms, two 2's classrooms, one 3's classroom, one 3/4's classroom, one 4/5's classroom. There is a school age classroom that didn't have children present. All classrooms were at or above ratio requirements. Children were observed in their classrooms and some classrooms were observed in the large motor room. Staff were seen assisting the children in their play and learning activities. Staff were observed reading books to children as a group activity. Children were playing individually and in small groups in their interest centers.

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

The playgrounds have fencing. There is poured rubber for required surfacing material. The center completes monthly playground checklists.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KinderCare centers receive a lot of support from their corporate office. The center is spacious classrooms that are well supplied with many learning centers. The center participates in QRS and has a four star rating.
The center listed their strengths as the following:
Secure entrance
Child supervision records used daily
Daily sheets sent home for all children
Full time cook on site
Monthly staff meetings
First 100 days training
All staff are 18 years old or older
Muffins for Mom/Doughnuts for Dad events

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 or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. 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.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a provisional license.

*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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