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

Name of Center: Carroll Area CCC & PS KC Site **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 31796

Street: 108 W 6th Street **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 113 W 7th Street, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Keely Fara **Phone Number:** 712-792-1375

On-Site Supervisor(s): Jessica Mowrey **E-Mail:** keelycacccp@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-13-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-14-2020

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years. The program is due for another inspection in 7/2023.

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	10	35	45
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 06-13-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 6/13/23. The director was present for the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Carroll Area Child Care Center PS & KC site is a child care center serving preschool-age children (during the school year only) and school-age children (ages five to 10 years in age) year round. There are other businesses in the building the center is located within. The center utilizes one classroom. This center is located in a building next door to the other, related Carroll Area Child Care Center.

The center uses a combination of the Creative Learning Curriculum and their own curriculum in their teaching of children. This center is under the same leadership committee (Board and Director) as the Carroll Area Child Care Center which, as stated above, is located next door. Keely Fara is the director of this site and the site next door as of 1/2021. Keely has a BA degree and past experience working in child care which includes being the former on-site supervisor as the related program next door. Jessica Mowrey is the on-site supervisor for this location as of 8/2020. Jessica has her BA degree and past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were observed leaving for lunch at a school (free summer lunch program) and then were later headed out on a field trip.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a secure entrance. There are also security cameras in place in the classroom, hallways, and playground areas.

The center participates in Federal Food Program (CACFP).

Quarterly staff meetings are held throughout the year. Weekly notes are also sent to staff to summarize weekly events.

A weekly and/or monthly newsletter is sent home to parents.

The director has quarterly meetings with other directors in the area.

The Board is highly involved in the center's operations.

The center is involved in IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

Staff and child files were nicely organized.

The center has good community partnerships.

Several staff are participating in TEACH and WAGES.

The director and on-site supervisor are very organized.

Some new appliances have been purchased over the past year.

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

No below standards were identified at this year's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was conducted 5/6/23 - 5/11/23. The radon level was below the 4.0 cutoff. Because the radon level was below the 4.0 cutoff, radon testing can move to every five years so long as they remain below 4.0. At the next testing time, if levels are 4.0 or higher, retesting, mitigation, and then back to every two years testing (at least initally) will be required.

The annual furnace inspection was last completed 4/4/23.

It was previously noted that for transportation/field trips, the center will either take walking field trips or contact with the Carroll School District for transportation needs.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

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