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

Name of Center: KidZone Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6548

Street: 481 Pin Oak Dr **City:** Ida Grove Iowa **Zip** 51445 **County:** Ida

Mailing Address: 481 Pin Oak Dr, Ida Grove, IA, 51445

Director's Name: Sidney Jones **Phone Number:** 712-364-2061

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kidzone2061@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-28-2025

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:** 04-14-2024

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

Date Inspected: 07-12-2023

Comments :

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: 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	16	11	14	23	64
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2025 to 06-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer **Date:** 05-29-2025

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

On 05/28/2025 I completed an unannounced visit at the Kidzone Daycare. I was able to meet with Sidney Jones. Ms. Jones had previously been an employee at the center and has stepped into the director role. Ms. Jones has done a great job on organizing the center to make sure that it is up to date on HHS policies. The staff and center files are well put together and easy to read. The center has been working with CCR&R consultant Bailey Hill. The board has been very supportive of Ms. Jones as the director.

The center services children ages infant to 12 years old. The hours of operation is Monday thru Friday 5:30am to 5:30pm. There are 45 children enrolled in the program. There were 22 children at the center at the time of my visit.

All areas of the program were observed including classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Good staff interaction with the children throughout the day. They use the bright wheel app to communicate with parents. This was a resource that was not utilized in the past but now is used on a regular basis. Parents with children in enrolled at the center are appreciating this regular communication with staff.
All rooms contain a schedule, menu and lists of activities. I observed children in these room engaged in lessons. The center has a very positive attitude.
There are using a creative curriculum. They involve parents in activities such as muffin for moms and donuts for dads. The have good room arrangements and have many activities for play.

There are two playgrounds. One is for the younger children and has turf surfacing. The other playground has wood chips for surfacing. There is also a place to ride tricycles and other riding toys. They have shade and all toys and equipment were in good repair

Radon testing is completed and at a good level. Fuel burning appliance was checked this year. Fire drills/tornado drills and playground equipment checks have been completed monthly.

The vehicle is maintained regularly and has recently been inspected.

Ms. Jones goal for the facility is that the community sees the center staff as educators as they spend a great deal of time teaching the children at Kidzone.

Ms. Jones indicates that not all staff have insurance and that this is something that she would like to incorporate with a local physician or clinic where the center may be able to assist in this cost.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Strengths of the center is that the core staff work well as a team and are dependable. They also have good communication with the children and families that they serve. The center also is a back up for in-home daycare if they have openings. Program uses the Bright Wheel app which has streamed a lot of things for the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

There are a lot of positive changes in this center since the new director took over. The atmosphere is very positive and there is a core team of employees who are dedicated to the children in their care.

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

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, Chiropractor 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

2 children need current exams

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All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.

Number not in compliance for dental - 2 children need dentist information.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Director needs to email consultant by 07/01/25 of those aspects cited that don't meet licensing standards

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.

VI. ADDENDUMS:

- Addendum1: On 02/12/26 I complete a review of capacity for this center. The center capacity has changed as they collaborate with HeadStart and utilize one area for the lunchroom. Capacity is now set at 64.

This Addendum is approved by supervisor on 2/26/2026 11:17:07 AM