

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

Name of Center: Longfellow Elem. - Kids Inc. **Enrollment:** 45 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 49172

Street: 2900 8th Av **City:** Marion Iowa **Zip** 52302 **County:** Linn

Mailing Address: 1100 35th St, Marion, IA, 52302

Director's Name: Becky McNeal **Phone Number:** 319-929-0151

On-Site Supervisor(s): Grace Frederick **E-Mail:** kidsincmarion@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-04-2018

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 09-13-2017

Comments :

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

Financial Type: **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **Accredited** **NAEYC** **NSACA** **Other** **NA**

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

Get-Well **Evening Care** **Special Needs**

SCHEDULE: **Year-round** **School-Year** **Summer Only**

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool
General			School-Age
			Capacity
			75
Summer			0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 10-01-2017 to 10-01-2019
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCACTION of license

Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons

Date: 06-04-2018

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

Not applicable.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Kids Inc. operates several sites throughout the community and has been in business since 1989. Specifically, Longfellow Elementary - Kids Inc. has been in operation since 9/27/17. This program offers full-time and part-time child care to school-age children. Current enrollment is 45.

Multi-site owners are Kory and Becky McNeal. Multi-site Kids Inc director is Becky McNeal. Ms. McNeal has a BA degree in elementary education and a MA degree in reading. Ms. McNeal has over 30 years of experience teaching in a school. On-Site supervisor is Grace Frederick. Ms. Frederick has a BA degree in psychology and over 10 years of experience working with children.

On 6/4/2018, all program space was observed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kids Inc. operates several sites throughout the community. The programs provide a variety of part-time and full-time programming options to help meet the needs of children and families throughout the community.

Kids Inc. has the following website for families and the community to seek information about the programs offered <http://kidsincia.com/>.

According to the Kids Inc website, the program's mission "... is committed to providing affordable and educational childcare in a safe, positive, and interactive environment. Our staff works to develop a caring and respectful relationship with children from infancy through school-age while cooperating with families to support each child's growth and development in order to create a meaningful and productive experience..."

Kids Inc. collaborates well with school personnel (administration, custodial staff, and kitchen personnel) to help ensure the building and grounds are sanitary and hazard free each day. This program is located inside an elementary school building which opened with the start of the 2017-2018 school-year.

Kids Inc 2018 summer camp commenced operations on 6/4/2018. Several Kids Inc school-age sites have combined at the Longfellow Elementary Kids Inc site for the 2018 summer camp. Summer camp includes weekly themes, large project Mondays with optional family participation on Fridays, park and pool days, off-site field trips (including Wickiup Hill, Play Station, and Beaver Park), and on-site guest speaker events (including the ceramic center).

On the day of the monitoring visit, staff were nurturing and attentive to the children. The week's area of study included "Survival Week". Ms. Frederick discussed how this week's large project will be selecting and playing "Minute-to-Win-It" games throughout the week with parents having the option to partake in the games with the children on Friday. Self-selected play experiences were many and included group physical games, puzzles, free-crafting (paper, markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc.), My Little Ponies, sensory items, picnic set up, and board games. Routine transitions (including meal

rituals and restrooming/handwashing) went smoothly. Staff were observed to be actively engaged in programming with the children. Staff encouraged children to share program materials and encouraged positive sportsmanship. Children appeared comfortable at the program and responded well to staff.

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

109.11(3)a(2). Center and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.

- One school-age child's (TB) file reviewed lacked a current health statement and IDPH immunization certificate. Ms. Frederick discussed how this is the first day of summer camp 2018 and reported notices are being sent home today reminding parents to obtain and turn in all required paperwork.
- One staff (MK) file reviewed lacked documentation of a current physical exam report with TB screening/testing.
- A monthly fire drill, a monthly tornado drill, and a monthly outdoor playground inspection was not documented for May, 2018. Ensure with the June, 2018, summer camp starting drills and inspection are being completed and documented each month as required.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

This monitoring visit additionally notes an increase in capacity to 75 school-age children.

Any child with a rescue medication(s) shall have a written emergency/plan of action. The original plan shall be stored in the child's respective file. A copy of the plan shall be stored with the medication in an inaccessible but readily available area.

A full license is issued.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 319-892-6827; email alyons@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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