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

Name of Center: Kirkwood Kares Inc BASP **Enrollment:** 42 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24259

Street: 1401 9th St **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1401 9th St, Coralville, IA, 52241

Director's Name: Abbie Knight **Phone Number:** 319-331-7888

On-Site Supervisor(s): Irma Torres **E-Mail:** kirkwoodkares@yahoo.com

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

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-25-2021

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

Date Inspected: 10-21-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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 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				90	90
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2021 to 11-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-20-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at Kirkwood Elementary School for an annual visit on 12/15/2022. The center is nonprofit. The center provides child care to school aged children. The center has 42 children enrolled. The center is open Monday-Friday 7:00am-5:30pm.

The center is inside of Kirkwood Elementary School. They currently uses the cafeteria, gym and an office. The center's fire inspection was completed on 10/21/22.

The director is Abbie Knight. Abbie started in 2005. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Linguistics with an Emphasis in TESL.

The onsite supervisor is Irma Torres. She has worked at the center since 2016. Irma has a Bachelor's Degree.

The center's curriculum is teacher created.

The center provides afternoon snack. Breakfast and lunch is offered through the school district.

The center does offer field trips. Examples include: Bloomsbury Farm, Lost Island, Adventureland, Air Effects, swimming, etc.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-Abbie has been with the center since 2005. Irma has been with the center since 2016.
-The center provides parents with a monthly newsletter. It highlights important dates, activities they are doing and friendly reminders.
-The center partners with University of Iowa Nursing Students, Iowa Children's Museum and 4H.
-The center director communicates with the parents via text and email.
-The director has three Spanish speaking staff members.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.
-One employee needs mandatory reporter training.

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.
-Two employees need current Iowa SING Checks.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
-One employee needs a current physical.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.