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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kidz R Us Daycare LLC

Provider No.: 38258

Address: 601 E 3rd ST, Anamosa, IA, 52205

County: Jones

Director's Name: Brenda Kelchen

On-Site Supervisor: Nicole Sunderman

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HHS Visit Date: 05/15/2026

Licensing Period: 05/01/2026 to 05/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 05/03/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [X] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	12	17	17	8	54
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Kidz R Us Daycare operates the following two programs: Kidz R Us Daycare LLC and Kidz R Us Too. Specifically, this visit and license pertain to Kidz R Us Daycare LLC. Kidz R Us Daycare LLC commenced operations in March of 2012. Kidz R Us Daycare LLC operates year-round, M-F, 6:00am to 5:30pm and serves children age infant through school-age. Total enrolled and attending children were reported to be 40 on 5/15/2026.

The program's founding multi-site owner and director is Brenda Kelchen. Ms. Kelchen has experience working with children and participates in professional development. On-site supervisor is Nicole Sunderman. Ms. Sunderman has been with the program since 2015. Ms. Sunderman has an AA degree in medical assisting, has experience working with children, and continues to participate in professional development.

On 5/15/2026, program space was observed. Primary programming occurs in age defined classrooms. Program materials are organized in cabinets and on shelves for ease of use. Sufficient restrooms including hand washing sinks are available to accommodate total capacity. The program has access to an outdoor play area. There is an on-site kitchen in which all foods are prepared. On 5/15/2026, areas of study included the spring season and upcoming end of school-year. Evidence of previous days' learning was nicely displayed throughout the classrooms incorporating clever milestone flower, rabbit and carrot artwork! Activities observed included infant cares, center play exploration, and outdoor large gross motor play. During the monitoring visit, routine transitions were observed to go smoothly and included clean-up procedures, food service rituals and restroom/drink breaks. Curriculum allowed for a variety of experiences that were observed to pique child interest as well as strengthen emotional intelligence, enhance physical coordination, and encourage the use of social graces. On 5/152026, staff were observed to be in ratio, utilizing positive behavior interventions when needed and engaged in programming with the children. Children appeared comfortable with staff and to be truly enjoying the day.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Kidz R Us Daycare LLC "...offers a secure and stimulating environment where children can explore, learn, and grow under the supervision of our dedicated and experienced educators..."

Kidz R Us Daycare LLC has a private social media page for enrolled families.

As of 5/15/2026, owner Brenda Kelchen remains a local entrepreneur invested in the local and surrounding communities. In 2018, the program received a First Place Blue Ribbon Award for their entry into the Anamosa Pumpkin Fest Parade. The management team (Ms. Kelchen, Ms. Sunderman) is organized and has noteworthy systems of organization in place to help ensure administrative items are completed as required and maintained in a secure manner. Management is knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as their own policies and procedures. Ms. Kelchen acknowledged her seasoned, professional and reliable team of employees stating the whole program would not be possible without their dedication and hard work. Staff throughout the center reported celebrating 10 years, 7 years and over 1 year of employment with Kidz R Us Daycare LLC. Management continues to acknowledge staff successes, offer flexible scheduling whenever possible, sponsor regular staff retreats, and facilitate collaboration between the two sites to share materials, curriculum, joys, challenges, and ideas/planning.

On 5/15/2026, Kidz R Us Daycare LLC was again found to be maintaining required postings, maintaining family-program information areas, offering regular newsletters, utilizing technological communication resources, and encouraging family involvement. Family events have included seasonal parties and celebrations (e.g. Valentine's exchange). Curriculum includes a combination of learning strategies as well as teacher inspired ideas.

Kidz R Us Daycare LLC continues to have and update as needed policies and procedures that include those for safety, daily health checks, hand washing, diapering, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting. Cleaning checklists and reminders were observed in various areas. Staff throughout the rooms discussed how they continue to help ensure the children's space is sanitary and hazard free each day by following the policies and procedures. Management acknowledged also having support and generosity from enrolled families and local businesses when it comes to showing staff appreciation as well as building and grounds needs.

Kidz R Us Daycare LLC has emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. The program has successfully navigated through various Jones County flooding events, 2019 winter Polar Vortex, 2019 health (covid-19) pandemic, 2021 food supply issues, 2022 infant formula shortages, air quality alerts (2023, 2025), and repeated technology outages (7/19/24 global technology outage, 10/10/2025 AWS outage, 10/29/2025 Microsoft outage).

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

None noted.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

Not applicable.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Continue to regularly power wash outdoor climbing equipment and child large gross motor materials.

As funding becomes available (example Growing Iowa Fund), obtain an outdoor shed in which to store outdoor large gross motor materials, replace outdoor cushion surfacing to align with updated US CPSC Public Playground Safety Handbook, and establish a separate fenced outdoor area for your youngest children.

A full license is issued. Thank you for the visit.

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Date: 07/10/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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