

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

Name of Center: Kids Zone-Center Point **Enrollment:** 57 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 42659

Street: 101 Palo Road **City:** Center Point **Iowa** **Zip** 52213 **County:** Linn

Mailing Address: 5399 W Otter Rd, Walker, IA, 52352

Director's Name: Debra Hansen **Phone Number:** 319-551-3222

On-Site Supervisor(s): Debra Hansen **E-Mail:** shae1015@aol.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-30-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X NA

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-19-2020

Comments :

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

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

Accreditation: **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			5	55	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons

Date: 02-15-2023

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

Not applicable.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Kids Zone - Center Point is located inside Center Point Primary School which is part of the Center Point - Urbana Community School District. Kids Zone - Center Point is a profit program that operates year-round, Monday through Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm. During the school-year, the program operates before and after-school/preschool hours. The program offers full-days of care or extended hours on early-outs, some inclement weather days, some holidays, and during the summer. Kids Zone -Center Point serves school-age children only. Current enrollment is 57.

Owner/director/on-site supervisor is Debra Hansen. Ms. Hansen has been the owner and director since January, 2010. Ms. Hansen has an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and several years experience working with children.

On 1/30/2023, program space was observed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kids Zone – Center Point is well established in a predominantly rural area and has been in operation for several years. Kids Zone offers full-time and part-time options to help meet the needs of children and families in the community. The program accepts a variety of funding.

Kids Zone - Center Point sponsors a private social media page.

The goal of Kids Zone - Center Point is "...to provide a safe, fun, environment for your child before and after school and throughout the summer..."

The program's owner/director is Ms. Hansen. Ms. Hansen is a local entrepreneur invested in the Center Point and surrounding communities. Ms. Hansen discussed how she moved from a sub to long-term paraeducator position within the school district in October 2023. Ms. Hansen reported this works well with her childcare program's hours of operation being outside the school day. Ms. Hansen has over 13 years of experience in childcare and working with children. Ms. Hansen is knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as her own program's policies and procedures. Ms. Hansen continues to develop systems of organization to help ensure administrative items are completed as required and maintained in a secure manner. Ms. Hansen discussed her team of staff who consist of many part-time high school students who rotate between employment and seasonal extra-curricular activities. Ms. Hansen talked about being grateful for their assistance as well as their willingness to really engage in group games and activities with the children. Ms. Hansen reported staff appreciation is part of the program's operations.

Kids Zone - Center Point has emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. The program successfully navigated through historical Linn County 2008 flooding, the 8/10/2020 Derecho Storm event and the 2019 pandemic.

Kids Zone - Center Point collaborates well with many community partners including the Center Point Community School

District, local businesses, CCR&R, and health professionals. School administration, school kitchen personnel, school nurse, and school custodial staff help ensure the program space is sanitary and hazard free each day. Ms. Hansen reported that since the last review the school obtained a new principal and head maintenance person. The school kitchen is inspected at least annually by the health department. There is an AED on-site.

Kids Point - Center Point continues efforts at optimal communication between the program/staff and families. The program has an organized parent-staff/program information center, offers regular program newsletters, utilizes technological communication resources, and supports family programming activities. Curriculum supports literacy activities including time for daily homework and a daily summer reading program. The program's curriculum incorporates on-site guest speaker events and off-site field trip experiences. Off-site field trip experiences include trips to the park, movie theater, and local dairy farm. Ms. Hansen discussed how summer camp 2023 enrollment will soon be underway. Ms. Hansen discussed being most proud of the "...amazing families and kids..." her program is able to serve.

Kids Zone - Center Point has access to their own primary program space located in room #411. Children have access to many supplies and materials. Children's accomplishments (e.g. artwork) are displayed throughout the program space.

Each child is engaged in a daily health check upon arrival for early detection of apparent illness, communicable disease, or unusual condition or behavior which may adversely affect the child or the group. Staff were observed engaged in and encouraging child hand washing. The program has policies and procedures in place for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing. Cleaning supplies were observed on-site.

On the day of the monitoring visit, staff were nurturing and attentive to the children's needs. Activities observed included full-day/no-school gathering activities and child-selected activities (e.g. block building, puzzles, crafts, card games, board games). Routine transitions (e.g. clean-up events) worked smoothly into the program's welcoming and cooperative play environment. Staff were overheard providing children with many words of encouragement and offering positive redirection when needed. Children responded well to staff and appeared to be truly enjoying their day.

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

109.6(6): Record checks

- Staff file (LF) reviewed lacked documentation of an Iowa/SING record check result.
- Staff files (JK, LF, DH) reviewed lacked documentation of a national record check.

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.

- Staff files (JK, LF, DH) reviewed lacked documentation of a physical exam with TB screening/testing.

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met.

- On 1/20/2023, staff files (JK, LF, DH) reviewed lacked documentation of first-aid and CPR. After the on-site visit, Ms. Hansen provided documentation that she completed the online portion of first-aid and CPR on 1/31/23 and the in-person component on 2/2/2023. Ms. Hansen discussed a plan to have all staff certified on 2/2/2023 or the following week.
- One staff file (JK) reviewed lacked documentation of complete completion of the Essentials (missing modules 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11).
- One staff file (DH) reviewed lacked documentation of current UP, MCART, and annual professional growth hours. If DH has completed trainings through the AEA, please obtain documentation of such and place into respective staff file. Trainings sponsored by AEA also count as approved childcare hours.

109.9(2)g: Any child with allergies, a written emergency plan. Copy shall accompany child if they leave the premises.

- Two children files (KM) reviewed lacked documentation of a physician's written emergency plan noting each child's medical condition/allergy as well as how to accommodate in the event of a reaction (e.g. possible rescue medication, call 911). One of the children's rescue medications was found to be expired and stored in their personal backpack within reach of all program children. Rescue medication shall be regularly checked to ensure it is not expired and be stored in an inaccessible area when the child is in attendance (e.g. if rescue medication is in the child's backpack, place backpack in an inaccessible area when they are at childcare).

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon the above, a referral for technical assistance has been made to Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R).

The program's license remains in full status. Thank you for the visit.

*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.