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

Name of Center: Kiddie Konnection Inc **Enrollment:** 63 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24257

Street: 2707 Muscatine Ave **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52240 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2707 Muscatine Ave, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Debbie Brandt **Phone Number:** 319-354-6454

On-Site Supervisor(s): Abigail Shellady **E-Mail:** kkmydebbie@mchsi.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-02-2024

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:** 08-01-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-25-2023

Comments : Does Comply.

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	12	17	50	0	79
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 10-07-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at KIDDIE KONNECTION INC – 24257 for an annual visit on 10/2/2024. The center provides child care for infants to preschool aged children.
They are open Monday-Friday 7:00am to 5:30pm. They have 63 children enrolled.

The center is located inside of a commercial building. The center utilizes 5 classrooms, a kitchen, an office and storage space.

The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 9/25/2023.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

The director is Debbie Brandt. Debbie opened the center in July of 1989. She has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

The onsite supervisor is Abbie Shellady. Abbie had a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and a Minor in Human Resources. Abbie has worked at the center since 2015.

Nutritional practices were checked. They provide breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center had a fully stocked first aid kit.

The center utilizes Creative Curriculum.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center director opened the program in 1989. The onsite supervisor has been with the program since 2015.
-The center is clean, nicely decorated and welcoming to those who enter.
-The center accepts child care assistance.
-The center's website can be found at: https://www.kiddiekonnection.com/
-The center received 100% compliance on their Child Care Immunization Audit during the 2023-2024 school year.
-The center repainted the infant and toddler room.
-The center added a soft space in the toddler room.
-The center fenced in the outdoor play area.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment) Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.
-One staff needed first aid/cpr within the first three months of hire.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
-Playground inspections must be done monthly. It was suggested to the director that when she does a fire drill she completes the playground inspection and when she does a tornado drill she competes the first aid checklist.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. 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://hhs.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.