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

Name of Center: Calico Kids Preschool **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30197

Street: 1407 W 18th St **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51103 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 1407 W 18th St, Sioux City, IA, 51103

Director's Name: Amber Porter **Phone Number:** 712-255-7441

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** calicokidspreschool@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-09-2025

Licensing Visit **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:** 12-12-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-19-2024

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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 X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2024 to 02-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 01-13-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Calico Kids Preschool on 01-09-25 and spoke with director Amber Porter. Amber has her para educator degree and is working on her Early Childhood degree and has several years working with children. Melissa Musselman is her preschool teacher who has her Elementary Education degree and 9 years working with children. The program is apart of the Universal Preschool Program. Calico Kids Preschool is located in one room of the lower level of Mayflower Congregational Church in Sioux City. Mayflower Congregational Church is the owner of the preschool. The center operates Monday thru Thursday with two sessions: 8:45am to 11:30am and 12:15pm to 3:00pm for 3 and 4 year olds.

There are 27 children enrolled in the program; 15 children in the morning class and 12 children in the afternoon class. The center continues to clean toys that children use. The center utilizes Creative Curriculum and Gold assessments.

Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. The center has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: Puzzles, blocks, books, tools, math, writing, art, house, reading area, sensory table and computer. During this visit observed the children participating in the following activities: free play (during this time children can explore the various centers throughout the room), gym time, reading stories. Children are assigned "jobs" such as snack helper, line leader, weather person, mail and calendar helper. The center uses the gold curriculum for their program. Lesson plans and curriculum are appropriate for the age of the children. There were a sufficient number of toys, art supplies, books, blocks and other equipment for the children in the room. The center has a large storage room full of additional puzzles, games, and children's toys/equipment. Displayed throughout the room were the colors, nursery rhymes, numbers, children's artwork, sign language ABC's, picture schedule for the children and the alphabet. Children have access to a bathroom. Observed the staff assisting the children with activities, reading stories to them. The program appears well maintained. A good variety of learning and play activities are utilized in the program. Staff are actively involved with the children. The program started using the Bright Wheel app to assist in administrative duties.

The center provides the snacks for the children. The snacks are nutritious and meet the CACFP guidelines. Snack are stored in a cupboard and in the refrigerator.

Center does not administer medication. Children wash their hands before snack. First aid kit is sufficient. Center practices fire/tornado drills monthly. Center has a working carbon monoxide detector. Radon test completed and within normal range. Furnace inspection completed and just expired and center will need to get an updated copy from the church as they handle this inspection. Center sanitizes eating surfaces before the children eat. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

Center Playground
Center has a fenced-in playground. Playground toys for sandbox, basketball hoops, balance beams, and bikes. Shade is available on the playground. Playground has grass for surfacing as there are no climbing structures. The center does have access to a large gym outside of the preschool room that they utilize for a indoor playground. A reminder that if

children are riding bikes they should wear helmets. Center does not take field trips or transport children. The center will have a year end program which then the parents transport children to the event.

Goals: The program would like to continue to increase their enrollment. The program is on the IQ4K program level 3. They would like to go for a IQ4K level 4.

Strengths: They are apart of the Preschool Initiative program and have Melissa who is the preschool teacher. They have a coach from the preschool initiative program that they work closely with to help strengthen their program. They have the Bright Wheel Childcare app to help streamline administration services. Staff work great as a team. The staff have a good relationship with the children and their parents.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Observed the staff to be actively engaged with the children in activities throughout the day.

Supplies are at child level and easily accessible.

Center sends home a monthly newsletter.

Parent teacher conferences twice a year.

Center is on the IQ4K program level 3 out of 5.

Part of the preschool initiative

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

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 2
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: Information was missing.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Director will email consultant by 02-05-25 confirming that the items that fall below standard have been corrected. It is recommended to continue working with CCRR for support.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.