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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kids Connection-Holy Trinity School

Provider No.: 34523

Address: 2922 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50310

County: Polk

Director's Name: Quentin Abraham

On-Site Supervisor: Erin Glidewell

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HHS Visit Date: 09/10/2026

Licensing Period: 09/01/2025 to 09/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/15/2025

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by LT Eric Jacobson, Des Moines Fire Dept.

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

Quality Rating: 1

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 5:45 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	58	75	133
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was conducted 9/10/26. Quentin Abraham, director was present for the visit along with on-site supervisor Erin Glidevell for some of the visit.

Holy Trinity offers school for pre-school through 8th grade students. Kids Connection offers child care for pre-school through school age. Kids Connection is located/operates from the Holy Trinity School. During the school year, there is a before and after school component in addition to wrap around care (referred to as extended learning) for preschool age children. There is full-day programming during the summer months. Children who attend Holy Trinity can attend this center.

During the summer months the hours of the program are 6:45 am to 5:30 pm. During the school year the hours of operation are 6:30 am to 5:45 pm.

The center is overseen by a Board. Quentin Abraham is the director as of June, 2026. Quentin has several years experience in school-age licensed programs and had been an on-site supervisor for several years. Erin Glidewell has worked with kids connection for several years. Both meet the criteria for their positions.

Room Observations: The center uses a variety of different learning curriculum in their teachings and partners with Holy Trinity School and their voluntary preschool program teacher. The center uses the Brightwheel Application to communicate with parents. The classrooms offer a variety of age appropriate toys and learning centers. The children were content and working in a group during the visit.

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Nutrition Practices: The on-site kitchen is operated and maintained by the school. Dedicated school kitchen staff prepare meals that are served cafeteria-style in the lunchroom, which the center has access and the school maintains. The center does have designated storage areas in the school kitchen for snacks that center staff are serving to the children. The children have meals cafeteria style while staff are with them as well. During the summer, children bring their own lunch and the program offers AM and PM snacks.

Playground: The playground has been renovated and offers natural shade along with new play structures and basketball hoops. The playground is partially fenced to keep areas separated. There is a playground for younger children that is enclosed as well.

Transportation/Field trips: there is not transportation provided during the school year; in the summer session there are field trips offered and the center contracts with Durham bussing for a bus that includes a professional bus driver.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center has newly updated security cameras; along with parent key-cards that allow entry during programming hours.

This center has attained Level I in IQ4K. Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®) is Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) for Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) licensed Child Care Centers and preschools, registered Child Development Homes and programs operating under the authority of an accredited school district or nonpublic school.

The center has a strong working relationship with the school. The center communicates daily during the school year with teachers and the principal.

Kids connection is now able to car for teacher's children 30 min's prior and 30 minutes after school times.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.

109.9(1)b: 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.

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.

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

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-A staff file required repeat national background checks (fingerprints)
-The director will assist the staff in repeating the National Background check and place results in file

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--A staff file indicated an expired physical form
-The staff will obtain an updated physical exam report and place in the file

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current

certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
--Several staff files indicated expired First Aid/CPR training certificates
-The director stated there will be a first aid/CPR training scheduled for the group to update certification
-The director will advise licensing when this is updated.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended.

The center last completed radon testing in July of 2021 and all rooms tested fell below the 4.0 cutoff. After testing indicates levels <4.0, testing then is completed every five years.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with the center director their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The director indicated that staff are able to utilize team members or the director for additional behavioral management techniques.

Date: 09/11/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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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