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

**Name of Center:** Kids & Company-Rue Elementary **Enrollment:** 80 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 33316

**Street:** 3326 6th Ave **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51501 **County:** Pottawattamie

**Mailing Address:** 300 W Broadway Ste 212, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

**Director's Name:** Molly Stogdill **Phone Number:** 712-256-5551

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Alexandra Martin **E-Mail:** mstogdill@cbsf.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 04-08-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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** **State** X **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

**Date Inspected:** 08-17-2023

**Comments :** A violation code was identified and correction requested. Please make sure the correction was made.

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

**SCHEDULE:** Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

| **HOURS:** | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | 10 | 80 | 90 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-09-2024

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Rue Kids and Company on 4-8-2024. Rue Kids & Company is located in the gym on the second floor. Molly Stogdill is the director. Alexandra Harris had a name change to Alexandra Martin, she is the on-site supervisor. The program provides before and after school care for preschool to children in fifth grade from 6:15 am until 6:00 pm. Full day child care services are offered on in service days, snow days and during the summer - the program is consolidated to certain sites on those days.
There are 80 children enrolled in the program.

Observation of room:
The program is located in the gym on the second floor. The restrooms are located outside the gym and up the steps to the third floor. The center has an excellent assortment of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment for all ages of children. The centers are rotated each day.
I met with the on-site supervisor Alexandra Martin during my licensing visit on 4-8-2024.

The lesson plan/activities were posted - the curriculum and activities are designed to engage the children. Purpose - "Kids & Company provides a caring, stimulating environment where your child can develop social and decision-making skills through a variety of activities. We provide a fun, inviting, safe and age appropriate setting for your child". Thirty five children and three staff were present, the children were having fun playing in activity centers.
The staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children..

Nutrition:
The school provides the daily snack. The center is on the CACFP federal food program. Snack menus are posted.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills were practiced and documented.
Radon testing is required every two years and the test score must be under a 4.0 pCi/L, the Department of Education should be monitoring this and ensuring it is completed.
The annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection will expire in June 2024.
The center follows medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication.

Playground:
The program uses the school playground. Monthly playground inspection were documented.

Transportation:
Daily transportation services aren't provided. A school bus is hired to provide transportation for field trips.

Administrative records:
Preschool age child files were read and were in good order.
Staff files were read on a previous date at the main office and were in good order.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Alexandra was very organized and helpful during my licensing visit.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.
The center is an excellent resource for the school and the community.
Staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.

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

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for 10-1-2024 to 10-1-2026.

*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.