Health and Human Services

Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kiddie Karrasel Academy

Provider No.: 20893

Address: 328 N Cody RD, Le Claire, IA, 52753

County: Scott

Director's Name: Angela Mapes

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 01/21/2026

Licensing Period: 06/01/2025 to 06/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/24/2023

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

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

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

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

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	18		67	20	105
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 1/21/26. This center is a for-profit center owned and operated by Angela Mapes. Angela is identified as the center director, and she was present on the day of the visit. Angela has owned and operated this center for many years and is a qualified center director with experience and training. The center operates in an older building that has been modified over the years to accommodate the center. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. The center director states the center uses the Creative Curriculum. The center reports an enrollment of 56 children at the time of the visit.

The center consists of the following rooms: Prek room (four years through school age), early learners 1 room (18 months to three years), infant Room (age six weeks through 18 months), and early learners 2 room (formerly "studio room"- three years) and additional play space in small groups). Program rooms all include age appropriate furnishings and plenty of accessible materials to support program needs. Program rooms include hand washing sinks, and the infant room includes a separated food/bottle preparation sink. Program rooms include adjacent restroom areas as well. The nursery and EL1 rooms also include diapering stations within the program room. All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack are served and all prepared on-site in the center's organized kitchen area primarily by the center director.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center is owned by an experienced and knowledgeable director. The center continues with NAYEC accreditation through 12/2027. The center director states the center participates in the TEACH and WAGES programs, and all but three

staff have their early childhood education degrees. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged and interacting quite positively with the children. The staff work well together, and several of the staff have been with the center for quite a number of years. The center director states that the lead staff are allowed at least 15 hours per week for lesson planning. The director states she meets with every staff individually once per month, and there are team meetings between each lead staff and their associates once per week. The rooms are bright with many large windows and are well stocked with accessible materials to support program needs. The center director puts out a newsletter annually to parents showcasing the center's accomplishments and goals. The center also offers an annual parent survey for feedback on performance. The center director states the exterior of the building has been repainted, a commercial grade dish washing machine has been added to the kitchen, and new rugs, books and other learning materials have been added to the program rooms since the last licensing visit. The children's crafts and projects are on display throughout the center. The activity plan for the infant room is broken down into three groups to accommodate all children in the room. Child and staff files and other required licensing documentation continue to be highly organized. The center uses a tracking system to ensure staff and child files are kept in compliance. The center is providing parents (not just infants) with daily information for all children at the center through a communication application.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)a: All files contain:Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record checkCopy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable.Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have the Iowa record check completed prior to the staff starting at the center as is required.

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

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. It is noted that the center has filed for an Exception To Policy to allow the combination of 18 months through four years for the first and last half hour of the center's operation. The decision is pending.

1. Ensure posted schedules reflect the time the program room operates during the day, and ensure breakfast time shows on the posted schedule(s).
2. Review diaper procedures with staff. Ensure any items from the diaper change including materials used for cleaning the station are put into the diaper waste can. Ensure staff wash hands after cleaning the diaper station.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation and concern(s) noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

Date: 03/16/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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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.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.