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

Name of Center: Kids Campus **Enrollment:** 33 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25922

Street: 1205 13th Street **City:** Dallas Center Iowa **Zip** 50063 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: PO Box 392, Dallas Center, IA, 50063

Director's Name: Lezlie Ellerman and Brooklyn Burgher **Phone Number:** 515-993-1190

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** lezlie.ellerman@yahoo.com, adel@kidskornertwo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-15-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 03-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-12-2021

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years. The program will need another inspection this summer of 2024.

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 Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	0	60	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 04-16-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 4/15/24. The director, Brooklyn Burgher, was present throughout the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Kids Campus is a school-age (ages five to 12 years old) program located in Dallas Center at the Dallas Center-Grimes Elementary School. The center utilizes mainly the school cafeteria, but they also have access to the gym and outdoor play areas. During the summer months and no school days, there is full day programming from 6:30am-5:30pm. During the school year, children attend 6:30am-7:30am and/or 3:15pm-5:30pm. The majority of the children who attend this center also attend the elementary school, but the program is open enrollment for all children. The center uses their own learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums.

The center is overseen by a Board. The head director/program manager of the center is Lezlie Ellerman. Lezlie also owns Kids Korner I and Kids Korner II and is the director/manger at Kids Campus - Stuart. Lezlie's daughter, Emily Ellerman, is also a manager/director of this program. Emily has two Bachelor degrees as well as past experience working in child care. The assistant director is Brooklyn Burgher. Brooklyn has an AA degree and also has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, all of the children were observed in the cafeteria. Children were divided up into smaller groups and sitting at tables and engaged in a variety of activities with the learning stations available to them. Children discussed with this consultant where they go when they practice monthly fire and tornado drills. Staff were spaced out and interacting with children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Lezlie Ellerman also owns Kids Korner I, Kids Korner II, and Kids Campus - Stuart. The same policies and procedures are in place at those centers as well. There is continuity. There is a website for additional information on each center.

The center has a good working relationship with the school overall.

Quarterly staff meetings are held.

The center has an electronic/online system for child update forms, etc. (Playground) and to better communicate with parents.

The assistant director (Brooklyn Burgher) of this program is organized and detailed.

Enrollment remains steady.

Both directors believe they have a good group of staff who work well together. The assistant director also stated her staff are very dependable.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade.
The program has done a better job with the playground and specifically the "S" hooks. They have a system in place for checking these. However, there was one "S" hook that needs to be tightened/closed. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they only serve school-age children and located within a school.

The center contracts with the school district for a driver and a school bus for field trips.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. All staff will need to have their professional development training hours uploaded into I-Power.

The most current monthly playground checklist was emailed to the program after the visit concluded.

*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.