

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

Name of Center: A to Z Learning Tree Preschool and School Age Care **Enrollment:** 37 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28702

Street: 209 Barre St **City:** Kingsley Iowa **Zip** 51028 **County:** Plymouth

Mailing Address: 26124 Roosevelt Ave, Kingsley, IA, 51028

Director's Name: Ann Bowman **Phone Number:** 712-378-3112

On-Site Supervisor(s): Carrie Book **E-Mail:** klb@evertek.net

Date(s) of Visit: 06-04-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-02-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-01-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>
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LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			30		30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 07-01-2025 to 07-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

Date: 06-06-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I completed an unannounced visit at A-to-Z Learning Tree Preschool on 06/04/25. I was able to speak with director, Ann Bowman. Ann has many years of experience in childcare and a 4-year degree in Early Childhood Education. A to Z Learning Tree Preschool is located in the downtown area of Kinsley in a building specifically built for daycare. The building has one large room for the preschool/childcare and two bathrooms. The program operates year-round 7:30am to 5pm Monday through Friday during the school year. They serve children aged 3 through school age. The program follows the Kingsley School year during the school year. They serve 4–5-year-olds Preschool on Monday-Wednesdays-Fridays all day from 8:30 to 3:30pm and 3-year-olds on Tues and Thursdays 8:30am to 11:30am. The center offers extended day from 7:30am to 8:30am and 3:30 to 5:00pm. School agers who are at the program prior to school get picked up by the school bus and taken to school. If there are late starts due to weather or no school, then the program is also closed during those times. The program also has a summer program for 3-year-olds to 6th grade. Summer hours are 8:00am to 5:00pm. There are 37 children enrolled in this program and 30 children present at the time of my visit.

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

This center is very clean and organized. It is very bright with natural light as well as white walls. There is creative decoration in the center that is age appropriate. They have small lockers to store the children's stuff while they are there. The center uses a creative curriculum. They are many colorful visual aids for the children such as the alphabet and numbers. There are also pictures of words and a visual guide of what the word means. They are many appropriate toys and act cites including puzzles, kitchen, dress up, blocks, books, games, cars, computer, tools, doll house, and art. Children's artwork is hung up around the room. I also note pictures of family of each child hanging in the room. This gives each child a sense of security as they see picture of parents and siblings. The center also takes class pictures which are hung as well. Children have assigned jobs throughout the week such as line leader and door holder. They utilize a punch card system to reward positive behaviors. This system is a great motivator as the prize is one as a group not individually.

The children have access to bathrooms and sinks. There is good room arrangement with centers for children to play at. Child size furniture throughout the room. Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon was completed and within normal range. Annual furnace inspection was completed. The center has a small kitchen which they serve breakfast, lunches, and snacks onsite. They do not have a stove, however, utilizes crock pots, air fryer, microwave, and a roaster. The center follows the food program but are not on the food program. The kitchen is clean and organized.

The playground has recently put in turf outside and they have a nice variety of playground toys and a very nice shade area. All equipment is in good repair. They do not do any vehicle transportation but do walk to other places intown such as the library. On the day that I was there in the afternoon they were walking to the swimming pool and very excited about this.

The center holds parent/teacher conferences and send home newsletters to keep parents informed.

Goals for the program is to continue to increase their IQ4K level.

They would like to have a staff fun day to build relationships and reduce stress which is a great idea.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center has a core staff that have worked together for several years. They are committed to the children in their care and present a very positive atmosphere.

This center spends a great deal of time outside when the weather permits which is a positive activity for the children in their care.

Children are encouraged to explore and learn with guidance from staff.

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

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 dental: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

Number not in compliance: 3

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center will need to email consultant by 07-30-25 confirming that they have all items that fall below standards have been corrected.

It is recommended that the director continue to use 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.