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

Name of Center: The Salvation Army KidZone **Enrollment:** 37 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21158

Street: 1000 Oregon ST **City:** Muscatine Iowa **Zip** 52761 **County:** Muscatine

Mailing Address: 1000 Oregon ST, Muscatine, IA, 52761

Director's Name: Lt. Macy Gantner **Phone Number:** 563-263-8272

On-Site Supervisor(s): Mary Darnell **E-Mail:** Macy.Theriot@usc.salvationarmy.org

Date(s) of Visit: 08-05-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-12-2024

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

Date Inspected: 05-09-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			5	69	74
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 08-06-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at THE SALVATION ARMY KIDZONE - 21158 for their annual visit on 8/5/2025. The center's fire inspection was completed on 5/9/2022.

The center is open year around. During the school year they are open from 3:00pm to 5:30pm. During the summer they are open from 8:00am to 5:30pm. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center provides care for preschool-school aged children. They currently have 37 children enrolled.

The center is located inside the Salvation Army. They utilize the gym area and chapel. This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center does use the public park across the street.

The center director is Lieutenant Macy Gantner. Macy's started in 2022. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

The onsite supervisor is Mary Darnell. Mary started in 2016.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center had completed radon testing as required. The center had completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector.

The center's curriculum is teacher created. The center does offer field trips. The center goes to West Lake, trampoline park, aquatic center, Circa 21, movie theater, etc.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center had all required postings.

The center communicates with parents by via: in person conversations, texts and phone calls.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center's staff files and child files were in full compliance.
-The center recently purchased new tables/chairs.
-The center offers a variety of engaging field trips during the summer.
-The center accepts child care assistance.
-Mary has been with the center since 2016. Lieutenant Macy Gantner has been with the center since 2022.

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

109.10(7): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is available and accessible to staff at all times when children are: In the center. In the outdoor play area. On field trips (away from the center).
-The center was missing several things off the list. Please review: https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/2896/download?inline

109.10(13)a: The center shall have written emergency plans and diagrams for responding to fire, tornado, flood, and plans responding to intoxicated parents and lost or abducted children. Emergency plans shall include written procedures including plans for: Evacuation to safely leave the facility. Relocation to a common, safe location after evacuation. Shelter in place to take immediate shelter when the current location is unsafe to leave due to the emergency issue. Lock down to protect children and providers from an external situation. Communication and reunification with parents or other adults responsible for the children, which includes emergency telephone numbers. Continuity of operations. To address the individual children, including those with functional or access needs.
-The center needs to update their emergency preparedness plans: https://iowaccrr.org/training/ep/
-The center is encouraged to use the following template:
https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/201%20EP%20Plan%20Template%20Centers.pdf

109.10(13)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
-Fire and tornado drills must be completed monthly.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. The center must comply with the minimum requirements as defined in state laws and rules governing the standards for childcare centers. The childcare consultant will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year

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 to address each of the violations noted above. It is essential you correct all the above-mentioned violations.

It is imperative that the director has a full understanding of Iowa Code 109 and Comm. 204. They can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/providers/ccc/ under HHS Regulations.

The director is strongly encouraged to work with their Child Care Resource and Referral Child Care Consultant and their Child Care Nurse Consultant.

Please do not hesitate to contact the licensing consultant, Heidi Brown, if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 515-631-8846 or heidi.brown@hhs.iowa.gov

*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.