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

Name of Center: Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool **Enrollment:** 83 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6222

Street: 113 W 7th Street **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 113 W 7th St, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Keely Fara **Phone Number:** 712-792-1375

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lexi Flug **E-Mail:** keelycacccp@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-15-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 07-19-2023

Comments :

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: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age 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	32	30	106	0	168
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: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 01-27-2025

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 Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool on 1-15-2025. Keely Fara is the director of this center and the school-age center next door as of 11/2021. Keely was previously the on-site supervisor. Keely has a BA degree and several years of experience working in child care. Lexi Flug has been the on-site supervisor at this location since 12/2021. Lexi has a BA degree and also experience working in child care. I met with the Keely and Lexi during my visit.
The center provides child care to infants to preschool age. Carroll Area CCC & PS KC site are located in the Renew Church building next door - this site provides child care to preschool and school age children. Both centers are overseen by a Board.

Observation of rooms:
The program rooms look great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There is also a large motor skill room - one side is for the younger children and the other side is for the older children.
The center uses the Procare child care app.
All rooms were in ratio, children were observed playing and during nap time. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The daily sheets looked good. The center uses Creative Learning Curriculum and their own curriculum they have developed over the years, the rooms had lesson plans/activities. Once children become school age, they go to the Carroll Area Child Care Center & PS KC Site that is next door that serves school-age children, preschool programming is also located at this site.
A newsletter is provided to the parents.
Some areas have been newly painted and two water bottle filling stations have been installed.

Nutrition:
Meals are prepared onsite - Breakfast, lunch and a snack are served daily. Menus are posted - five week menu rotation, the center is on the federal food program. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The center uses a hydrogen peroxide product for sanitizing and disinfecting, the three step bottles are used 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.
Keely, Lexi and the lead teachers in each room have received medication administration training.
Radon testing was done in May 2023, the test results for all program rooms were under a 4.0 pCi/L, please refer to your handbook for information on radon and frequency of testing.

Playground:
The center has a nice fenced playground area. The center has done fundraising and received a grants for the playground - new fencing, new equipment and poured in place surfacing on the younger children's area were completed. Monthly playground safety checks are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't offer daily transportation services. For transportation/field trips, if not a walking field trip, the center contacts with the Carroll School District.

Administrative records:
Staff files were read and were in excellent order. Twenty child files were read - three files needed current physicals. Staff meetings are held quarterly, weekly updates are emailed to staff. Keely and Lexi maintain daily contact with staff.
The center participates in IQ4K and are working on applying for level 2.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Keely and Lexi are very enthusiastic and proud of the center. They are very organized and mange the center very well. Your center is a wonderful resource for the community.
There is a secure entrance into the center. Security cameras are also in place.
The center participates in IQ4K level 1 and they are applying of level 2.
Staff have excellent interactions with the children. The center has an employee recognition program for good work. Staff work really well together.
The center works closely with Trisha Christensen from the Family Resource Center and also has good community supports and relationships.
The center has a website and a Facebook page.
The Board is highly involved in the center's operations.
Several staff are involved with the TEACH and WAGES programs.
The center uses the Procare child care app for communication with parents, signing children in and out of the center, etc.
The center participates in fundraising, receives grants and community funding for equipment, supplies etc. Some areas have been newly painted and two water bottle filling stations have been installed.

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

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
Twenty child files were read - three files needed current physicals. Please make sure all required files have current physicals.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 7-1-2025 to 7-1-2027.

Keely and Lexi do an excellent job. They are committed to providing quality child care and are supportive to the staff. Staff had excellent interactions with the children.

*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.