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

Name of Center: Kids Korner Two **Enrollment:** 138 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28407

Street: 1808 Grove ST **City:** Adel Iowa **Zip** 50003 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: PO Box 165, Dallas Center, IA, 50063

Director's Name: Jeanna Beeber and Emily Ellerman **Phone Number:** 515-993-1190

On-Site Supervisor(s): Johanna Boots and Stacy Coffin **E-Mail:** adel@kidskornertwo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-24-2024

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:** 05-10-2024

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

Date Inspected: 05-10-2024

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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	27	12	37	108	184
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: Nate Knepper **Date:** 06-25-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 6/24/24. Owner/director, Emily Ellerman, was present throughout the visit and office manager, Lori Cirks, for portions of 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 Korner Two is owned by Lezlie Ellerman and Emily Ellerman. Ms. Ellerman also owns Kids Korner in Dallas Center and oversees Kids Campus Dallas Center and Kids Campus Stuart. Jeanna Beeber is one director of this program and has been for a number of years. Emily Ellerman was added as a second director in 8/2021. Both individuals meet the requirements for director. Johanna Boots and Stacy Coffin are the on-site supervisors at this location. Both individuals meet the qualifications for on-site supervisors.

The center serves children ages six weeks old to roughly 12 years in age and utilizes the Creative Learning Curriculum with children as well as S.T.E.M. with school-age children. There are two levels to the center where classrooms are located. The center has a secure entrance and on the lower level of the building is where the main entrance is located. However, there is also a secure entrance on the upper level. Parents key in a code and guests have to ring a door bell to gain entrance.

There are a total of 10 classrooms. Some of these classrooms are used interchangeably with other classrooms.

During the visit, children were observed napping in cribs and on cots/mats. Some children were awake and engaged in various stages of free-choice play at the learning stations made available to them. When this consultant arrived, the school-age children were finishing up lunch and then headed out on a field trip. Staff were engaged with children and all of their activities. Staff were observed cleaning and sanitizing equipment as children napped.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has three washers and dryers on site.

There is an office manager on-site. This person as well as management are organized.

There is continuity between all Kids Korner/Campus programs as they use the same handbooks, can share staff if needed, same ownership, etc.

Staff reportedly work well together.

There is a secure main entrance into the building. The main office is located in this area as well so staff are readily visible to parents/children upon arrival. There is also a secure entrance upstairs for school-age children.

The playground areas are very large and well shaded. A portion of the playground is also inspected annually by Rainbow Company.

The center has a garden on the playground. The playground areas are very large and have lots of trees that provide natural shade.

The center shifts back and forth from a "winter food menu" to a "summer food menu" based on the seasons.

Monthly staff meetings are held either formally or informally.

The center has a website. The center also uses the Playground online application for better communication with parents.

The classrooms were nicely decorated and the center as a whole was very clean. Good child - staff interactions and activities were observed.

There is more structure and activities for school-age children related to STEM.

The center has good community partnerships.

The center is starting the process of IQ4K which is based on best practice and a voluntary program.

There are free vision screenings for children at the center.

Director, Beeber, has her NAC.

Over the past year, more renovations have taken place which included new carpet in several classrooms, a new HVAC system, new fencing around the playground, and a water purifying system being installed.

There is a big emphasis on literacy for children at the center.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
ONE STAFF MEMBER WHO CAME BACK HAS TO COMPLETE FIRST-AID, CPR, AND MANDATORY REPORTER YET.

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.
All medication should be kept in original containers. If homemade diaper creams, a doctor's note is needed as well as a list of ingredients.

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 four bolts for the basketball hoop will each need another nut on them so that no more than two threads are showing.

109.12(4): Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.
Three feet spacing should be maintained between children napping on cots/mats.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last conducted 2/4/22 - 2/7/22. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. Because all classrooms came back below the 4.0 cutoff, radon testing can move to at least every five years. The next testing will be needed no later than 2/2027. If radon levels remain below 4.0, testing can remain at every five years. If radon levels are 4.0 or higher, retesting will be needed, a mitigation plan, and then the center would move back down to testing every two years at least temporarily.

The annual furnace inspection was last completed 12/27/23.

There are three functioning carbon monoxide detectors in the building.

For transportation and field trips, the center contracts with the school district if the field trip is not within walking distance. Children five years of age and older are eligible for field trips.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. Staff will need to continue to upload training into I-Power. The center has been working with their CCR&R consultant on IQ4K.

Staff will need to watch spacing and ensure six foot fall zones are being met on the smaller/little child playground and those climbing structures.

Toys should not be stored on shelves that are next to/touching diaper changing tables.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.