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

Name of Center: KidsPoint C Street **Enrollment:** 85 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24556

Street: 5830 C St Sw **City:** Cedar Rapids Iowa **Zip** 52404 **County:** Linn

Mailing Address: 318 5th St SE, Cedar Rapids , IA, 52401

Director's Name: Ginny Stroschein **Phone Number:** 319-841-4055

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ginny Stroschein **E-Mail:** gstroschein@waypointservices.org

Date(s) of Visit: 06-29-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 11-19-2021

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 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	50	21	82	71	224
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2022 to 06-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons **Date:** 07-11-2023

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

Not applicable

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

KidsPoint C Street was built and commenced operations in 2008. KidsPoint C Street is located inside a building owned and maintained by Transamerica. This program operates year-round Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 6:00pm. The program serves children age infant through school-age. Current enrollment is 85.

Executive director of all KidsPoint childcare is Ashley Meyer. Ms. Meyer has a bachelor degree in elementary education, several years of teaching experience, and several years director experience. Ms. Meyer is a member of NAEYC and a member of Family Connections. The site specific director of KidsPoint C Street is Ginny Stroschein. Ms. Stroschein has a BA degree, several years experience working with children and continues to participate in much child development related training.

On 6/29/23, program space was observed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KidsPoint operates the following two licensed programs in Linn County: KidsPoint Downtown Learning Center & Preschool (KPDLCP) and KidsPoint C Street. KidsPoint offer a variety of early learning programming and childcare options to help meet the needs of children and families in the community. Both programs are located in predominantly urban areas and accept a variety of funding sources. During 2023, KidsPoint C Street will be celebrating their 15th year of operations.

KidsPoint has the following website for the community and enrolled families to learn more about their programs: http://www.kidspointchildcare.org/.

KidsPoint C Street has a history of participation in quality initiatives including local quality initiatives and QRS. The program currently participates in CACFP.

In September 2009, KidsPoint C Street received the Gold Award from the US Green Building Council (USGBC). The Gold Award is for being a "green center" and receiving Leadership in Energy Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

According to the family and employee handbook, the philosophy of KidsPoint is to provide "…a high quality, nurturing environment where children are encouraged to reach their fullest potential in all areas of development." The history of how KidsPoint came to fruition in 1894 and evolved to present day (including a expansion of services/outreach programming for women and children, the commencement of school-age childcare programming in 1984, a 2001 name change, survival of the 2008 flood, 2016 re-branding, and so on) is impressive. Nearly 125 years after its foundation, this entity remains in a predominantly urban area serving individuals from all backgrounds through its Homeless & Housing Services, Domestic Violence Victim Services, and Child Care Services.

KidsPoint owner, board, executive childcare director and site specific director have remained consistent. The management team (e.g. owners, Ms. Meyer, Ms. Stroschein) has resources to help with organization of administrative items (e.g. files,

environmental inspections). The management team is knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as their own program's policies and procedures.

Since the last monitoring visit, KidsPoint C Street has retained seasoned staff as well as hired some new employees. Staff reported celebrating 19 years, 17 years, 16 years, and 6 years employment with KidsPoint. Center chef is celebrating her 3rd year of providing culinary delights to the children. Chef discussed the center's participation in CAFCP as well as having had a recent CACFP "...that went well.." There is a display in the entryway noting staff's years of service. Staff can spend their unique "daycare dollars" at the on-site staff treat cart. Ms. Stroschein reported staff appreciation and opportunities for professional growth continue to be part of the program's successful operations.

KidsPoint C Street has emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. The program successfully navigated through the 2008 Linn County historic flood, 2019 Polar Vortex, 8/10/2020 Derecho Storm, 2019 health (Covid-19) pandemic and 2023 air quality compromises.

Building and grounds are maintained. KidsPoint partners well with Transamercia to help ensure property is sanitary and hazard free each day. Classrooms continue to be arranged in a thoughtful manner with learning at the forefront. Children's accomplishments are displayed (e.g. artwork by graduates) in various areas. Curriculum includes Creative Curriculum, teacher inspired ideas, STEAM programming, social emotional leaning, on-site guest speaker events, school-age programming, and off-site field trip experiences. Opportunities to experience diverse languages (e.g. French, Spanish, Swahili) and cultural differences are provided. Additional enrichment opportunities (e.g. Little Sports Torts, Daytime Dancers) are also available on-site for those choosing to participate.

KidsPoint C Street continues efforts at optimal communication between the program/staff and families. The program has organized parent-staff/program information centers, offers regular program newsletters, utilizes technological communication resources, and supports family programming activities. Family activities include program/parent conferences.

Each child is engaged in a daily health check upon arrival for early detection of apparent illness, communicable disease, or unusual condition or behavior which may adversely affect the child or the group. Staff were able to verbalize policies and procedures for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing. Cleaning supplies as well as cleaning checklists/reminders were observed to be posted in various areas on-site.

On the day of the monitoring visit, staff were nurturing and attentive to the children's needs. Areas of study included vacation, camping, Hawaii vacation, and beach vacation. Children have access to an array of materials (e.g. books, imaginative play options, building materials, crafts) that encourage innovative play. Activities observed (e.g. infant cares, group circle discussion with book reading, group circle discussion about week's upcoming luau, jelly fish counting, pirate ship play, sea shell exploring, sensory play) were many. Clever "Tiki Hut" ice cream shop imaginative play experience incorporating child tiki art was observed in the purple room! Staff provided a companionable presence allowing children to have many choices in their play experiences. Routine transitions (e.g. clean up activities, breakfast/food service rituals) worked smoothly into the program's welcoming and cooperative play environment. Throughout the classrooms, staff were overheard providing children with many words of encouragement. Children responded well to staff and appeared to be truly enjoying their day.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
- Staff files (TH, SE) reviewed lacked documentation of current Iowa/SING record check results.

109.6(6)d Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
- Staff file (TH) reviewed lacked documentation of current federal/DCI/fingerprint record check results.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
- All school-age child and school-age staff files were not found or available for licensing to review on the day of the monitoring visit. There are numerous rule violations related to this.
- KidsPoint management (e.g. Ms. Meyers, Ms. Stroschein) has been made aware that all child files and staff files are to remain at their respective site and that the designated center director (Ms. Stroschein) shall have access to all administrative items (including school-age administrative items) regardless of whoever is fulfilling the program's school-age coordinator role.

109.9(2)c Child’s file shall contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment.

- Child files (CM, BD) reviewed lacked a current physical exam.

109.9(3) Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
- Child file (CM) reviewed lacked current IDPH Certificate of Immunization or IDPH Certificate of Immunization Exemption.

109.11(7)b Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
- Current radon testing results were not found on the day of the monitoring visit.

109.11(7)c All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
- A current annual all fuel-burning appliance inspection was not found on the day of the monitoring visit.

109.11(3)a Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children.
- Replace/repair damaged or missing electrical faceplate covers (e.g. school-age area).
- The infant/toddler playground lacks sufficient shade for children to be able to play outdoors in the afternoon. Remedy.
- The yellow room and green room shall have sufficient child safety gates/retractable gates installed that meet US CPSC and ASTM standards. Discontinue using furniture (e.g. shelves) as this creates a topple hazard.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Administrative items continue to be problematic (e.g. inconsistent collection and retention of environmental inspections, organization of all administrative items, location of school-age administrative items). Numerous tools and resources have been provided to help assist with this. Failure to remedy may result in change of license status.

A referral for technical assistance has been made to Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R).

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The program's license remains in full status. Thank you for the visit.

*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.