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

Name of Center: Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool Inc #2 **Enrollment:** 74 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 27700

Street: 630 8th St SE **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 630 8th St SE, Altoona, IA, 50009

Director's Name: Traci Lovell **Phone Number:** 515-967-1029

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** altoonakidsworld@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-12-2023

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:** 07-18-2022

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

Date Inspected: 07-27-2021

Comments : date of compliance - 8/31/21

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	28	12	64	30	134
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2022 to 09-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 09-28-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool #2 opened in 1998. The center is located in a single standing building. The daycare provides child care services to children ages infancy through school age. Joyce Morr is the owner. Traci Lovell has been the director since the center opened. Traci has a BA in Elementary Education.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to DHHS licensing rules were reviewed. Traci was present and she assisted with today's visit. Classroom schedules are posted by classroom doors. Lesson plans are posted in classrooms. Mandatory postings are in place by the center's entrance. Classrooms and hallways have children's artwork displayed. Classrooms have a nice amount of furnishings and toys.

The Bunnies (infants) had two infants present. There was one staff working in this classroom. The Baby Bears (toddlers/1's) had six children present. Two staff were working with this class. The Teddy Bears (2's) had seven children in attendance. One staff was working in this class. The Butterflies (2/3's) had five children present. One staff was working in this class. The Rocket Room (4/5's) had ten children in attendance. There was one staff working today in this classroom. The Super Stars class (school age) wasn't in session during today's visit. Children were observed during child directed play in the classrooms, during transition time from play activities to rest time and during naptime. Staff were observed to be assisting the children during their activities throughout the visit. Staff in the younger children classrooms were sitting on the floor with the children, interacting and supervising the children.

The center has a full kitchen. The center employs a cook. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines.

The center has two playgrounds. The small playground is for children ages one and two. The larger playground is for children ages three and up. There is tile for surfacing material. Playground checks are completed monthly.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Traci has been the director since the center opened. The center benefits from her years of experience and leadership. Classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate supplies and furnishings. The center has two playgrounds, one for the toddlers and one for children ages three and up. Traci does a good job of maintaining administrative records.

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

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
A child with allergies had an expired epi pen and no medical action plan on file at the center.
Traci will contact the parent to complete an medical action plan and get another epi pen to have at the center.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

The center has used boppy pillows in their infant classrooms. The manufacturers intended use for these devices is not for propping infants. These are loungers and pillow like devices and should not be used in licensed child care programs. The misuse of these pillows has caused injury and even deaths due to suffocation. Traci said boppy pillows will not be used in the infant classrooms.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-725-2635; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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