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

Name of Center: Kids Korner Two **Enrollment:** 155 **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: 06-06-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **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: 1

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:** 06-06-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year inspection visit was conducted on 6/6/25. Owner/director, Emily Ellerman, owner Lezlie Ellerman, and director, Jeanna Beeber, were all present for portions of this inspection.

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 engaged in tummy time in the infant classroom. The school-age children were observed in their classrooms and engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations made available to them. All other classroom were outside on the playgrounds. Staff were spaced out among the different groups of playing children. Children and staff questioned gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. Children discussed appropriate times to wash hands while attending the center.

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 good staff retention.

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. There is also an outdoor classroom when weather permits. 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 participates in IQ4K which is a voluntary program based on best practice.

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 two new sump pumps, a new outdoor sign (on order currently), and a new playground retaining wall.

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

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

109.10(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.
Homemade diaper creams also need a doctor or pharmacist authorization. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

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 1/3/25.

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.

Staff should continue to upload training into I-Power.

*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.