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

Name of Center: KuemperCares **Enrollment:** 100 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46427

Street: 109 S Clark St **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 201 S Clark St, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Chelsey Goetzinger **Phone Number:** 712-210-6605

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kelsey Clausen-Bierl and Madeline Wagner **E-Mail:** cmgoetzinger@kuemper.org

Date(s) of Visit: 03-07-2023

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:** 03-21-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-17-2022

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: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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	0	0	52	32	84
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2022 to 04-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-08-2023

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 3/22/22. The director was present throughout the visit as was one of the on-site supervisors.

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. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Kuemper Cares is a child care center that is located primarily in four (five this summer) classrooms at the Kuemper Catholic School.

The center was given permission to open under HHS (formerly known as DHS) licensing on 12/14/15. Prior to this date, the center was under the Department of Education's supervision. The center serves children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. There is a before and after school component as well as a preschool/wrap-around component. Before school hours are 7:45am - 8:00 am and then after school hours are 3:30pm - 5:15pm. During the summer months, the center is open 7:45am - 5:15pm. The center uses a combination of the Creative Learning Curriculum and their own curriculum with children.

The center is owned by Kuemper Catholic School. The director as of 4/2019 is Chelsey Goetzinger. Chelsey has an AA degree and has past experience working in child care, including being the director at another center in the past. The on-site supervisors are Kelsey Clausen - Bierl and Madeline Wagner. Both individuals meet the qualifications based on a combination of degrees, experience and professional development training.

During the visit, some children were observed eating a special snack and streamlining the Kuemper boys state basketball game. Children discussed washing their hands often and doing fire and tornado drills and where they go to practice these drills. The younger children (three year olds) were observed participating in a learning activity about the solar system and planets. Staff were engaged with all children and their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Staff meetings are held at least quarterly.

The director meets roughly quarterly with other area directors for training/meetings.

The center has been utilizing CCR&R and The Family Resource Center services on a regular basis.

All staff wear name badges.

The center is able to utilize other school services/resources as needed.

More playground renovations have taken place over the past year.

Full-time staff are eligible for school benefits. Several staff are also participating in the T.E.A.C.H. program.

The director feels she and her staff work well together. They are able to bounce ideas off of each other. Communication is good between staff. There is a real sense of teamwork.

Enrollment has increased over the past year.

The director is organized.

The center participates in QRS (now IQ4K) which is based on best practice.

There are security cameras in classrooms.

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

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 0
Number invalid: 2. Immunization records need to be signed/dated.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
December 2022 tornado drills were not documented for one classroom.

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.
There were some cleaners in lower, unlocked cabinets that were potentially accessible to children. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.
Additional concerns: There was one issue with dry food storage not being sufficiently sealed after being opened.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It was previously noted that the center only goes on field trips during the summer months. They rarely, if ever, go on field trips during the school year. The center utilizes the school district to use a bus and driver and/or utilize a smaller bus that school teachers and child care staff can drive.

Radon testing was completed 2/22/22 - 2/24/22. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff. Radon testing can now be done every five years because last levels were below the 4.0 cutoff.

The annual boiler inspection expires at the end of 6/2023.

It was noted that a cap on one bolt along the playground fence needs to be recapped so that no more than two threads of the bolt is exposed.

*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.