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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kids & Company-Longfellow

Provider No.: 7211

Address: 2011 S 10th St, Council Bluffs, IA, 51501

County: Pottawattamie

Director's Name: Molly Stogdill

On-Site Supervisor: Samantha Townsend

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HHS Visit Date: 03/23/2026

Licensing Period: 05/01/2026 to 05/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 08/21/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			9	100	109
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Longfellow Kids and Company on 3/23/26. The center is a nonprofit before and after school program for preschool and school age children located in Longfellow Elementary School. Full day child care is provided on in-service days and during the summer. Programs are consolidated for in-service days and summer child care. Molly Stogdill became the director in May 2022. Samantha Townsend continues to be the on-site supervisor; she has worked for Kids & Company for over twenty years. I met with Samantha during my licensing visit. There are 53 children enrolled in the program.

Observation of room:
The program uses the cafeteria for programming. The program also uses the gym and playground. There were 40 children with 4 staff present. The children were having fun playing in the activity centers. They were doing homework, reading, arts and crafts, and games. The staff had excellent interactions with the children; they were positive and attentive to their needs. The center had lesson plans/activities. Staff create their own lesson plans and do not use any curriculum. The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.

Nutrition:
The daily snack is provided by the school. On in-service days, the children bring their lunch. During the summer, they are at a site that provides the free breakfast/lunch program. The monthly menu was posted. The refrigerator/freezer had thermometers. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The center was practicing drills on the day of my visit. Staff took

their emergency backpack with them when they left the lunchroom for drills and to go outside. Purell Surface is used for sanitizing. The three step sanitizing procedure is used. Since you are in a school, the Department of Education is responsible for radon testing. The fuel burning inspection expires on 6/30/26. The center follows medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication. The center has emergency policies and procedures in the red folder. Make sure you review each policy and procedure with all staff on a regular basis. Handwashing procedures were not posted in the restrooms. Please post handwashing signs in the restrooms.

Playground:
The program uses the school playground. Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administration records:
Nine children's files were reviewed. Two children's files did not have emergency contacts listed and one did not have permission as to who is allowed to pick the child up. The parents/guardians listed themselves. Someone other than themselves need to be listed. Staff files were reviewed on a previous date at the administrative office and were in good order.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Samantha was very helpful during my licensing visit; she has over twenty years of experience. Samantha identified good communication amongst staff and monthly management meetings as strengths. She also believes they do a good job keeping their eyes on the children.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)a-c: All files contain sufficient information to allow the center to contact the parent or emergency contact at any time child is in center's care as well as who can pick up the child as authorized by the parent. Two of the files reviewed did not have emergency contacts listed other than the parents and one did not have anyone listed to pick up the child other than the parents. Please make sure to list someone other than the parents as emergency contacts and someone able to pick up the child.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended from 5/1/26 to 5/1/28.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Samantha their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. Samantha reported that if staff are feeling overwhelmed, they reach out to her. I talked with Director Molly Stogdill. When she started three years ago, staff shared one of their biggest challenges was managing student behavior. Molly said she implemented a 4-hour Crisis Prevention Intervention training with a strong focus on de-escalation strategies. In addition, they have brought in community partners to provide trauma-informed care training, and staff have also completed supplemental online trauma-informed courses.

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Date: 03/30/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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