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

Name of Center: Ida County Community Preschool **Enrollment:** 11 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50766

Street: 481 Pin Oak Dr **City:** Ida Grove Iowa **Zip** 51445 **County:** Ida

Mailing Address: 481 Pin Oak Dr, Ida Grove, IA, 51445

Director's Name: Kendra Rensink **Phone Number:** 712-300-6057

On-Site Supervisor(s): Aletha Tasich **E-Mail:** krensink@midsioux.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-06-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-05-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-16-2020

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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 School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			16		16
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-06-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited the Ida Grove Community Preschool/Head start on 02-06-23 and spoke with lead teacher/onsite teacher Ali Tasich as the Deb Allen the onsite/lead teacher had resigned. Kendra Rensink of MidSioux is the director of this site along with head starts in several counties. Ali has her CDA and is working on her Early Childhood Degree. She has 4 years working with children at this site. The Ida Grove Community Preschool/Head start was which opened in September 2019. The Ida County Community Preschool/Head Start is located in the lower level of the Kid Zone Childcare Center building in Ida Grove. The center has a security system on their lower level door where families bring the children into the building. Staff let people in if they do not know the pass code. The center serves children ages 3 to 5 years and operates Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 12:30pm during the school year.

There are 11 children enrolled in the program, however only 6 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center is following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. The program uses a dojo app to communicate with parents.

Staff files will be reviewed at a later time as their files are at the main office.

Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, five senses, globe of the world, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities, and reading stories to the children. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes the High Scope Curriculum Gold in their teachings.

Breakfast and lunch are prepared onsite by Kid Zone Childcare center. The children eat breakfast and lunch in Kid Zones lunch room.
Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted. The program has the children brush their teeth after breakfast.

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children, however the center does not currently give out any medications. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon test need to be complete as they are overdue. The annual heating inspection has been completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

A fenced in playground is adjacent to the center and has climbing equipment and wood chips for surfacing. The playground was under several inches of snow and will be viewed at a later date.

The program had received a grant for children ages 5 that can stay in the program if parents choose to keep them in head start. The center has completed a parking lot for the preschool program as well as for the Kidzone childcare center for staff to park cars which opens the front of the building for parents to drop children off.

Goals of the center are to increase enrollment, have better communication with the local school, as well as be fully staffed. The center has purchased some nature items for the playground but were waiting for better weather to use them.

Strengths of the program is that he program is organized and staff have good communication/relationship with the families that they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Toys are at children's level and accessible.

Center displays children's art work.

Staff actively engages the children throughout the day and in every activity.

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Center does home visits two times a year.

Center has child size furniture.

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

109.11(3)d
Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide a written response by 03-04-23 to the licensing consultant identifying that the information has been corrected..

A full license will remain in effect at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.