

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

Name of Center: Kids World Day Care and Preschool **Enrollment:** 82 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 16034

Street: 722 N First St **City:** Centerville **Iowa Zip** 52544 **County:** Appanoose

Mailing Address: 722 N First St, Centerville, IA, 52544

Director's Name: Terri Johnson **Phone Number:** 641-437-1500

On-Site Supervisor(s): Dawn Johnson & Becca Braster **E-Mail:** kidsworlddaycarepreschool@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-13-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-15-2021

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

Date Inspected: 01-05-2022

Comments : conducted by Mike Bogle Centerville Fire Department, due annually

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: Accredited NAEYC NSACA X Other NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care X Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>		<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>	
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	16	64	20	108
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 07-01-2021 to 07-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jill Seibert

Date: 12-21-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Kids World Day Care and Preschool is located in a single story, wood frame building specifically constructed for child care on the campus of Indian Hills Community College in Centerville. The building also houses classrooms and office for Appanoose County Head Start, also a licensed child care center. The center occupies five classrooms in the building, and an office, and laundry area. The program shares a small kitchen area with Appanoose County Head Start. The program provides full day child care to children ages 6 weeks through school age. The center is owned and operated by Appanoose County Day Care, Inc., a non-profit community organization. The director is Terri Johnson. Ms. Johnson has a BA in Business Administration from Graceland University with an emphasis in management, a National Administrator Credential (NAC), and 26 years of experience in licensed child care centers. Dawn Johnson (20 years experience) and Becca Braster (30 years experience) are the onsite supervisors for the program. Both OSS have numerous years of experience providing childcare at the center.

Kid's World is a 501C® non-profit child care center. It has a Board of Directors which meet once a month.

On 6/18/21, I made an announced licensing visit to Kids World Daycare and Preschool and met with Director Terri Johnson, and other staff members. Other visits have been made to the center throughout the year. At the time of the visit, staff were actively engaged in providing the child care program to the children.

Staff were actively providing care to the children during the visit. All program areas were observed. The visit consisted of classroom and building area review and observations of activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. However, the main focus/topic of this year's visit was to discuss health and safety practices as it pertains to the Coronavirus pandemic. Frequent phone and email consultation and collaboration by have occurred the past fifteen months addressing these topics in relation to the virus. Work force issues continue to be an issue at the center. Temperature checks continue to be conducted daily. Laundering is completely every other day.

All classrooms have attached restrooms. The center also has a separate kitchen and director's office and janitorial/laundry areas. The center is clean, bright, attractive and equipped with a satisfactory variety of new child sized furniture, equipment, toys, games, and activities for the children.

Educational Programs

Nursery Program (Ages 6 weeks to 18 months)

The infant room offers care based on individual needs of each child. Staff in this room offer experiences that incorporate the senses and early curiosity about the world. They read books and are often on the floor interacting with the children.

Toddler Program (Ages 18 months to 2 years)

Toddlers are offered a variety of opportunities to explore their world through play. Gross motor skills and social skills are developed through both structured and unstructured play. Schedules include music, art, dance, story times, and more. Handwriting Without Tears is also utilized as part of the curriculum.

Creative Curriculum is implemented in the 3 year old preschool classroom. Games teaching pre-reading skills including phonemic awareness and letter and sound recognition; basic math concepts; and hands-on science exploration. Spanish is included in curriculum weekly.

The 4 year old program is a part of Iowa's Voluntary Preschool Program. A licensed teacher is certified in early childhood. Well-planned learning centers that allow for child choice, self-directed play, and supportive teaching that prepares children for academic success. The Creative Curriculum.net system is used to keep parents informed of their children's development. Spanish lessons are given weekly. Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum is implemented. Handwriting Without Tears is also an important part of the curriculum.

Elementary/After School (Ages 5 to 12)

School-age children are given a quiet environment for homework and projects, with supervised access to computers and tutoring/assistance as needed. Schedules consist of crafts, games, snacks, and physical activities indoors and outdoors.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed: Meals are served family style in the classrooms and posted menus indicate that minimum nutritional requirements are met. The kitchen contains new equipment, sufficient storage for center food, and sufficient dish washing capacity to accommodate a center of this size. The center kitchen was remodeled last summer. The center participates in CACFP. They had a good CACFP review this year. CACFP reached out to the center board regarding the review. The center has a new kitchen manager this year.

Center Health and Safety: The center administers prescription and non-prescription medication in accordance with licensing regulations, physician directions, and parental consent. The center is in compliance with regulations regarding staff and child hand washing, storage and maintenance of a first aid kit, emergency plans and drills for fire and tornado, environmental testing (radon, carbon monoxide detectors and fuel burning appliances annual inspection) and the maintenance of any necessary detection equipment, and general regulations regarding safety and sanitation policies and procedures. An emergency exit door must be replaced. It will open but won't stay shut from the inside. A new door has been ordered.

Center Playground: The center has a fenced and naturally shaded outdoor play area immediately beside the center. The area currently features a commercial climbing and play structures and rubber chip surfacing of adequate depth. Some caps have fallen off screws on the fencing and replacements were fitted this past year. The Childcare Outdoor Weather Watch is utilized when outdoor play is questionable due to varying weather conditions. First aid kits, emergency contacts and medications are taken outdoors with the children. Shade is provided by climbing equipment and the building. Playground inspections are completed monthly.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips: The center complies with rules regarding an extra staff member during transportation and field trips. All children have field trip permission slips on file. The center utilizes a Centerville School District bus when transporting on field trips. Emergency contacts and a first aid kit are taken each trip.

Center Administrative Records: The center is in compliance with regulations regarding required notices and postings and required written policies provided to parents in the form of a parent handbook.

Staff and child records were examined during this inspection. They are reviewed annually. Staff and child records are complete and well organized.

Appanoose County Public Health Nurse Rebecca Pfannebecker conducted a child file audit in November and assisted the program to get immunization certificates from IRIS. All children have current physicals, immunizations and pick up authorizations, emergency contacts and dental and medical information. Each December packets are sent home with parents so that all updates are current.

Staff files were compliant. Fingerprints for new staff will be sent in this month. They are not allowed to work alone until the prints are sent off. SING checks due every 2 years are present on all employees. Universal Precautions due annually was up to date as was Mandatory Reporter training (every 3) and CPR/1st Aid training (every 2 years). Professional Development training due annually was also up to date.

Kids World participated in a PBIS cohort lead by the Department of Education with Coordinator Tom Rendon. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports is a program supported by the Iowa Department of Education to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavior competence. It is a center-wide strategy for helping all children achieve important social and learning goals. Kids World stated, "We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our children will excel in their learning. Kid's World is proud to be part of this exciting initiative."

As part of the PBIS program, the center established four clear rules for behavior in all classrooms. Staff explicitly teach those expectations to the children and reward them frequently with positive notes and praise for great behavior. Staff use

techniques such as, "What are the rules of your school?" "How do you follow those rules?" "When happens when a teacher sees you following the rules?" Our center rules will specifically address behaviors, provide for a safer school environment, and give more time for instruction and experiences. We will apply consistent consequences and positive reinforcement for all kids. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching to kids in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our building, including the children, teachers, kitchen manager, and our paraprofessionals." This is best practice and is duly noted.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

A.D.L.M 4 Counties for Kids Empowerment Board assists Kids World in offering scholarships to children in the three-year-old preschool program who qualify. To qualify, the families of the children must meet certain income guidelines.

OSS Dawn Johnson and 3 year old teacher Beca Braster won the Governor's Stem Council grants for this coming year. Dawn was awarded two and Beca one.

The center celebrated their 30th anniversary this year.

When asked Director Johnson stated, "Our proudest accomplishment is staying open and serving our community during COVID."

The program is very proud that they paid off the building this year and have been able to offer extra monthly income to employees for bonuses.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to continue to monitor day to day practice and adjust accordingly to continue to ensure licensing rule is met consistently. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

DHS encourages you to contact your local nurse consultant Mandi Lauderman. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website for more information. <http://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants>

DHS encourages you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral consultant Karen Lauer. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website for more information: <http://www.iowaccrr.org> CCR&R worked frequently with the center in 2019/2020 prior to the pandemic. They continue to do so and are a great support for the center according to the Director.

*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.