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

Name of Center: Kids Campus - Stuart **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50698

Street: 320 NE 3rd St **City:** Stuart Iowa **Zip** 50250 **County:** Guthrie

Mailing Address: PO BOX 392, Dallas Center, IA, 50063

Director's Name: Jamie Reeves - Navin **Phone Number:** 515-993-1190

On-Site Supervisor(s): Marnie Wells **E-Mail:** adel@kidskornertwo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-15-2024

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:** 09-20-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-15-2022

Comments : State Fire Marshal. 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 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	0	30	30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 10-16-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 10/15/24. The director and two other staff were present for this visit.

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 Campus -Stuart is a program in Stuart, IA located within the Stuart Elementary School. The program was given permission to open on 8/23/19. The program serves school-age children year-round using a S.T.E.M learning curriculum as well as parts of the Creative Learning Curriculum. Before school hours are 6:30am - 8:00am. After school hours are 3:45pm - 6:00pm. Full day programming is 6:30am - 6:00pm.

Lezlie Ellerman and Emily Ellerman are the owners of this program. Lezlie and Emily are also the owners at the other three related programs (Kids Korner I and II as well as Kids Campus Dallas Center). The main director at this site is Jamie Reeves - Navin. Jamie has an AA degree and past experience working in child care including Kids Korner II. Marnie Wells is the on-site supervisor at this location. Marnie meets the qualification for on-site supervisor. She was initially approved to be the on-site supervisor in 7/2019.

The center primarily uses one classroom within the school although they also have access to an outdoor playground area as well as the indoor gym.

During the visit, children were observed in the classroom eating the afternoon snack. Later on, children were observed engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations made available to them. Hand washing was also observed. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center meets a growing need the community. Enrollment has slightly increased over the past year.

This center is affiliated with Kids Korner I and II as well as Kids Campus in Dallas Center. The same policies, procedures, staff, etc. are interchangeable. There is continuity.

The director is organized as is the on-site supervisor.

The center focuses on S.T.E.M. curriculum with children.

The center has a good working relationship with other school personnel. The center also has good community relationships

and good family relationships with the children/families they serve.

There is an electronic online app (Playground) for increased communication with families.

Several adult staff are para - educators.

Exterior cameras are in place on the playground (playground right outside main entrance)

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

109.4(3)a: Postings are required for: The certificate of license. Notice of exposure to communicable disease. Notice of decision to deny, suspend, or revoke center license or reduce to provisional status. All postings shall be conspicuously placed at main entrance of center.
An older now expired license was posted.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1 newer staff member still needs to get a physical.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 0
Number not in compliance for dental: 1
Information lacking: All children enrolled need to have listed a doctor and a dentist. The information should include the names, addresses, and phone numbers.

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.
More pea gravel is needed around several fall zone areas on the playground. THIS IS AN ONGOING ISSE. THE SCHOOL USES THIS PLAYGROUND AS DOES THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

109.15(1): Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
The full-day schedule needs to be adjusted some as discussed at the visit. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing because they only serve school-age children in a school building. If the program in the future decides to serve preschool children (wrap-around care) then they will have to perform radon testing, have a carbon monoxide detector, and have annual boiler/furnace inspections.

The center primarily takes walking field trips to different businesses and agencies close by, however, they also utilize the school district for a driver and bus if field trips are not within walking distance.

I-Power was discussed at the visit again. Staff have I-Power profiles and appear to be uploading training certificates. Staff should also keep hard copies of certificates in their files.

After the visit concluded, this consultant emailed the current licensing certificate to the program as well as this consultant's most current posting.

It was noted a thermometer is needed in the new freezer.

*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.