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

Name of Center: Kidz Corner **Enrollment:** 233 (active) **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51444

Street: 2957 86th Street **City:** Urbandale Iowa **Zip** 50322 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2957 86th ST, Urbandale, IA, 50322

Director's Name: Tina Terrell **Phone Number:** 515-276-6728

On-Site Supervisor(s): Anna Guede **E-Mail:** tterrell@kidzcornercare.com

Date(s) of Visit: 08-04-2025

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:** 07-20-2025

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

Date Inspected: 08-28-2024

Comments : Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 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	28	15	15	18	76
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2025 to 09-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 08-05-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing inspection was conducted on 8/4/25. The owner/director was present throughout the 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.

Kidz Corner is a center in Urbandale, IA that was given permission to open on 7/9/21. The center serves children six weeks in age to roughly 12 years in age using their own learning curriculum that is based off of several other learning curriculums. The center is open Monday - Friday, year-round. The center is also a drop-in center. Reservations at least 24 hours in advance are preferred to ensure there are openings/staffing, but not required. There are a total of five classrooms. Capacity for the infant room is 12 children. Capacity of the toddler room is 16 children. Capacity of the two year old classroom is 15 children. Capacity of the four/five year old classroom is 15 children. Capacity of the school-age classroom is 18 children.

The owner/director of this center is Tina Terrell. Tina has BA degree and past experience working in child care. The on-site supervisor is Anna Guede. Anna has past experience working in child care and has taken a number of professional development training courses to meet the requirements for on-site supervisor.

During the visit, children were observed napping in cribs, having tummy time, washing their hands, and engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations in classrooms. Some children were playing with manipulative toys and some children were observed dancing to songs. Staff were engaged with children and all of their activities. Staff and children gave specific answers as to where they relocated to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Enrollment remains steady.

Drop-in services are available.

There is a "parents night out" one time a month where the center stays open later.

The owner/director is organized. Staff and child files were organized.

There are monthly staff meetings. The owner/director also has weekly one-on-ones with staff.

The center has their own website. There is also an online app for daily sheets, forms, payment, etc. (Child Pilot).

The center has a contract with Pizza Ranch for lunches (and dinners if the center one day goes back to extended hours).

There is a secure entrance into the center. Their are also security cameras outside and in the lobby.

The center looked and smelled clean throughout the building.

The owner stated her staff work well together.

The center works with their CCNC and CCR&R consultants as needed.

There is a staff "shout out" board to recognize good work and teamwork.

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

109.9(1)a: All files contain: Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record check . Copy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable. Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request. Copies of national criminal history check results. Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.
One staff who started last week has not yet been fingerprinted. They will be fingerprinted this week.

109.11(4)a: Center must have safe outdoor program area adjacent to the center, with sufficient square footage to accommodate at least 30 percent of the enrollment capacity at any one time at 75 spear feet per child. Outdoor space must: Be free from litter and unsafe materials and free from contamination by the drainage or ponding of sewage or storm water. Include safe play equipment and an area of shade. Include fencing to protect from bodies of water or vehicular traffic.
There are still a few bolts on the fence/gate that need to be cut/capped. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last tested 5/27/22 - 5/30/22. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years.

The annual inspection for fuel burning appliances was last conducted on 7/14/25.

The center takes walking field trips around the surrounding area. The center will also bring in different agencies for presentations to children.

IQ4K and I-Power were again discussed at the visit. The center should continue to upload professional development training and make sure all staff have I - Power accounts. Any staff member no longer employed with the program should be unlinked from the program. The center has been in touch with CCR&R in regards to the IQ4K process.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.