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

Name of Center: Kids Campus **Enrollment:** 23 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25922

Street: 1205 13th Street **City:** Dallas Center Iowa **Zip** 50063 **County:** Dallas

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

Director's Name: Lezlie Ellerman and Misty Collinson **Phone Number:** 515-993-1190

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** lezlie.ellerman@yahoo.com, adel@kidskornertwo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-25-2025

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:** 03-10-2025

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

Date Inspected: 02-23-2024

Comments : 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	60	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2025 to 05-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-26-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 3/25/25. The director, Misty Collinson, 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.

Kids Campus is a school-age (ages five to 12 years old) program located in Dallas Center at the Dallas Center-Grimes Elementary School. The center utilizes mainly the school cafeteria, but they also have access to the gym and outdoor play areas. During the summer months and no school days, there is full day programming from 6:30am-5:30pm. During the school year, children attend 6:30am-7:30am and/or 3:15pm-5:30pm. The majority of the children who attend this center also attend the elementary school, but the program is open enrollment for all children. The center uses their own learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums.

The center is overseen by a Board. The head directors/program managers of the center are Lezlie Ellerman and Emily Ellerman. Lezlie also owns Kids Korner I and Kids Korner II and is the director/manger at Kids Campus - Stuart. Emily has two Bachelor degrees as well as past experience working in child care. The main director at this program (and an on-site supervisor at Kids Korner) is Misty Collison. Misty has 10+ years of experience working in child care and the Kids Korner programs.

During the visit, all of the children and staff were in the cafeteria. Staff were spaced out among the different groups of children. Some children were playing UNO with a staff member. Many children were playing with a variety of different blocks. Some children were playing with manipulative toys. Some children were doing art projects. Children gave specific examples of where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills. Children stated they washed their hands often while at the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Lezlie Ellerman also owns Kids Korner I, Kids Korner II, and Kids Campus - Stuart. The same policies and procedures are in place at those centers as well. There is continuity. There is a website for additional information on each center.

The center has a good working relationship with the school overall.

Quarterly staff meetings are held.

The center has an electronic/online system for child update forms, etc. (Playground) and to better communicate with parents.

The main director at this program, Misty, appears to be organized. She has a lot of experience working for Kids Korner programs.

Staff reportedly work well together and they have a good relationship with the families they serve.

The program area was very clean.

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

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year. December 2024 fire and tornado drills were not documented.

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. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. The "S" hooks on the playground need to be tightened. One in particular. THIS HAS BEEN AN ONGOING ISSUE FOR THREE YEARS NOW.
2. The cleaners that the school uses need to be stored in a different location so they are not accessible to children. One bottle was also not labeled.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they only serve school-age children and located within a school.

The center contracts with the school district for a driver and a school bus for field trips.

I-Power was discussed at the visit. Staff should continue to upload their training certificates and hours.

The most current monthly playground checklist that was emailed after last year's visit inspection should be used going forward.

The center's emergency preparedness kit should contain more items. A list of what potentially could be added was emailed to the center after the visit concluded.

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.