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

Name of Center: Kids Express Daycare **Enrollment:** 56 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 29523

Street: 102 Prospect St **City:** Sanborn Iowa **Zip** 51248 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: 102 Prospect St, Sanborn, IA, 51248

Director's Name: Kathy Wright **Phone Number:** 712-930-5535

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ronda Lyman **E-Mail:** kexpress@tcaexpress.net

Date(s) of Visit: 02-15-2019

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:** 01-02-2019

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

Date Inspected: 02-22-2017

Comments :

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: 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	12		23		35
Summer	12		23	22	57

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2019 to 03-01-2021
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-20-2019

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Kids Express Daycare on 02-15-19 and talked with Kathy Wright, director and onsite supervisor Rhonda Lyman. Ms Wright has an elementary education degree with a unified early education endorsement and fourteen years of experience working with children.

Kids Express occupies 3 rooms in a renovated building in Sanborn. They share the building with Learning Tree Preschool, which occupies one of the three rooms. Kids Express has an infant room and a large room for children ages 2-5 years old. During the summer months and 11:30am to 6pm during the school year Kids Express license increases to 57 children due to adding the additional room (Learning Tree preschool) for school age children. The program operates Monday through Friday 5:45am to 6pm. Currently there are 56 children enrolled in the program.

The infant room has sufficient number of toys and equipment for the number of infants that the room can accommodate. Good hand washing procedures by staff and infants was observed. The infants are provided with good stimulation and nurturance throughout the day. Staff had good interactions with the infants and attended to their needs throughout the day. Room is arranged to provide a safe environment for infants. Children have access to a changing table in the room. Observed staff talking to the children throughout the day, feeding the children, diaper changing, holding the children, rocking the children to sleep and playing with the children on the floor. Staff had good interaction with the children throughout the day.

The two- five year old room has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: puppets, blocks, puzzles, art, sand/water table, listening area, toys, tools, kitchen, cars/trucks, dolls, books and legos. The room has a good variety of toys, educational materials and books are available to the children. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. The room has access to a bathroom. Displayed throughout the room were the colors, shapes, numbers, children's artwork, pictures of the children participating in various activities, feelings poster, picture schedule for the children and the alphabet. Room has child size furniture. Observed the staff sitting with the children during mealtime, playing with the children, reading stories to the children and talking to the children throughout the day. Staff had good interaction with the children during the entire day.

Meals and snacks are prepared onsite in a kitchen that is inaccessible to the children. Meals are served family style and the staff sit at the lunch tables to eat and assist/interact with the children during mealtime. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. 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 is complete, however, radon test was high even though the center had a radon mitigation system. Center will need to redo radon testing to get radon levels to normal or below. Furnace inspection is complete. 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.

The center has a large fenced-in playground. The playground has swings, slides, climbing wall and other climbing

equipment. Surfacing material (pea gravel) is around all the equipment. Playground was under 3 feet of snow during the visit. Monthly playground inspection completed. Shade is available on the playground. The center does not transport the children.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center has a QRS rating of three stars.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center is well organized.

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

The center uses white boards in the hallway to post announcements for parents regarding what is happening in the daycare.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department occurs every 5 years. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed. One staff did not have universal or mandatory reporting certificates in file although staff has completed the trainings. Director will make sure certificates are put into staff's files.

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: 5 Staff either had upcoming physical appointments, or physical recently expired.

109.9(2)a: All files contain sufficient information to allow the center to contact the parent or emergency contact at any time child is in center’s care.
Number not in compliance: 1
Information lacking: Information was outdated

109.9(2)d: All files contain parent authorization of the persons to whom the child may be released.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 1

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 2

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is encouraged that center continues to put together a DHS Licensing Notebook to assist in the licensing visit.

*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.