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

Name of Center: Kids & Company-Edison **Enrollment:** 72 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7212

Street: 2218 Third Ave **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51501 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 300 W Broadway Ste 212, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

Director's Name: Molly Stogdill **Phone Number:** 712-256-8494

On-Site Supervisor(s): Becky Thornburg **E-Mail:** mstogdill@cbsf.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-07-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-19-2024

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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			10	85	95
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-16-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Edison Kids & Company on 4-7-2025. The program is located upstairs in the gym/cafeteria. Before and after school child care services are provided Monday through Friday 6:15 am to 6:00 pm for children preschool age to fifth grade. Full day child care services are offered for in service days, school breaks and during the summer. Becky Thornburg continues to be the on-site supervisor, she will worked for Kids & Company for fifteen years. There are 72 children enrolled. I met with Becky during my visit.

Observation of room:
The gym/cafeteria is a nice large open room. There is plenty of room for a variety of activities. The program was in ratio. Thirty two children and three staff were present, the children were having fun playing in a variety of activity centers. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were attentive to the needs of the children. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Daily hands on educational activities are provided to the children - including art, crafts, reading, group games and science. The center has lesson plans/activities for the week. Becky said they have added social skills to their curriculum/lesson plans and activities. A monthly newsletter is provided to the parents. Becky gets the center/children involved in community service projects.
Kids & Company uses the Brightwheel child care app.

Nutrition:
Nutrition services through the school provides the daily snack. The center participates in the federal food program. Breakfast can be purchased through the school for an additional fee. Menus are posted.

Health and safety:
The center follows the medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication. The medication log is used. The first aid kit was properly stocked.
Purell Surface is used for sanitizing and they use the three step bottle procedure.
Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for making sure radon testing is completed and DHHS child care licensing no longer tracks the radon testing information.
Make sure you have the annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection, the last one I have expired in June 2024.
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.

Playground:
The program uses the school playground. Monthly playground inspections were practiced and documented.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. When field trips are taken a school bus is hired.

Administrative records:
Children's files were read and were in good order.
Staff files were reviewed on a previous date at the administrative office.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Becky is confident as the director, she is very creative, enthusiastic and proud of her program. Becky makes learning fun for the children. She does an amazing job finding fun toys and supplies for the program.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Edison Kids & Company for 1-1-2025 to 1-1-2027.
Off year licensing visit 4-7-2025.

The annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection expired in June 2024 make sure you have a new fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (712)328-4877; or kdegeor@dhs.state.ia.us so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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