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

Name of Center: Tama County Daycare dba Kids Corner **Enrollment:** 47 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 17933

Street: 403 W Commercial ST **City:** Toledo Iowa **Zip** 52342 **County:** Tama

Mailing Address: 403 W Commercial ST, Toledo, IA, 52342

Director's Name: Madison Denny-Weber **Phone Number:** 641-484-5333

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lisa Sieck **E-Mail:** madison@kidscorneronline.org

Date(s) of Visit: 07-22-2025

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:** 08-01-2025

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

Date Inspected: 08-15-2022

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: 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	24	18	60	30	132
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2025 to 07-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 08-03-2025

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced full licensing visit was completed 7-22-25; both the director and assistant director were present for the visit.

Tama County Daycare dba Kids Corner has been in operation for several years. The center has sole-occupancy of the building.. The center serves children ages infancy through school age; however this is in discussion to be modified.. The center is open Monday through Friday 6:00 AM to 5:30 PM. The center has a Board of Directors. Madison Denny-Weber became the director in 6/2025. Madison has several years of child care experience and continuing child care related education. She meets the criteria for director. Lisa Sieck is the assistant director and has several years of child care experience. She meets the criteria of assistant director.

These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review (took place on 9/23/24).

Classroom Observations/activities: Teachers pull information from the Iowa Early Learning Standards for lesson plans. The center uses pro-care as an application to communicate with parents. A classrooms were in ratio with children who was observed to be content, weather an infant almost asleep or toddlers who were on the playground outside. The staff worked together well and were nurturing with the children. The classrooms were decorated nicely with staff and kids art work. Staff have access to iPads to update the pro-care application to communicate with parents. There was good handwashing technique observed in several rooms; and proper changing technique used in the infant room.

Nutritional practices: Menus reflect meals in-line with CACFP guidelines as this center is enrolled in the CACFP food Program. The new kitchen staff was working on menu completion at the time of the visit. There is an on-site kitchen where meals and snacks are prepared and served family-style in the classrooms. The kitchen and storage were clean and organized. The center now has a dedicated kitchen staff who has ensure the menus were posted and the kitchen remained organized even when she was in the midst of making lunch.

Health/Safety Practices: Medication, when present, is securely stored and accessible to staff only. There are first aid kits available. Emergency exit plans are displayed conspicuously. Radon testing was completed 12/2022 and tested below the 4.0. The director stated emergency drills were completed monthly however the documentation had not yet been updated. The center has an off site evacuation plan that is trained to staff upon their hire and then annually.

Playground observation: This center has a playground enclosed by chain link fencing and divided by ages. There is a variety of age/developmentally appropriate outdoor structures/toys. There is green space with structures having just received updated surfacing (rubber mats). There is natural shade and shade structures on the play ground areas. The center will need to restart the use/completion of playground safety checks.

Transportation/Field Trips: There is not transportation.

Administrative Review: The center had conspicuously posted information on mandatory reporting, handbook availability, consultant contact information, license, fire and tornado emergency plans and non-smoking signs. Five staff files were reviewed; with three needing updated SING (Iowa Checks); two files needing updated national checks (fingerprints); one staff file needing a physical form and one staff needing to complete required annual training.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a multi-purpose room that is used for large motor play so children are afforded large motor play activities on a daily basis.

The center director, assistant director and staff were observed to work well together and children were content during this visit.

The center has security/video cameras in all the rooms.

The center has a secure entrance.

The center has good community support as well as a supportive board of directors.

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

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
*three staff files were in need up updated/repeat SIGN or Iowa background checks, which are required every two years.

109.6(4)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
*two staff were in need of repeat National (fingerprint) background checks.

109.7(1): All staff (within first three months of employment):Iowa's training for the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions.Certification in 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, (Essentials) approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
*a staff member had not yet completed CPR/First Aid or mandatory reporter training while just past 3 months employment; The director indicated the class was set up for the following week.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
*two staff did not have annual training hours on file

109.9(1)c: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
*one staff file did not have CPR/first Aid certification nor Mandatory reporter training certification on file. The director stated a CPR/First Aid class was set up for the following week

109.9(2)h: Signed and dated valid Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Immunization Exemption, or Provisional Certificate of Immunization, provided by the department must be on file for each child enrolled as required by Iowa Administrative Code 641—7.
*one child file was missing a valid immunization record or exemption form on file.

109.9(2)i: 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, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
*one child was beyond 30 days of admission and had not yet placed in file a physical form.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon was last tested December 2022 and results indicated the rooms fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

The director, assistant director and staff worked well together as a team to provide structure and nurturing responses for the children.

The director is new to the position and has made great strides in staff files, child files; general organization of the center and updating the center; discussion took place that new paint would be applied in the toddler's rooms where items had been on the wall and removed, taking paint with them and creating gaps in paint that the children would pick and ingest.

*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.