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

Name of Center: KidZone Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6548

Street: 481 Pin Oak Dr **City:** Ida Grove Iowa **Zip** 51445 **County:** Ida

Mailing Address: 481 Pin Oak Dr, Ida Grove, IA, 51445

Director's Name: Sarah Sholty **Phone Number:** 712-364-2061

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kidzone2061@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-16-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 05-16-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-16-2020

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	19	10	23	29	81
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 05-18-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 05-16-23 a licensing visit to Kidzone Daycare and met with the director Sarah Sholty. Sarah Sholty has an Associates Degree in in accounting but has been the board director for Kidzone for 10 years and director for four years with Kidzone. The center services children ages infant to 12 years old. The hours of operation is Monday thru Friday 5:30am to 5:30pm.

There are 30 children enrolled in the program, however, at the time of the visit there were 20 kids present. All areas of the program were observed. 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. The center continues to follow all the guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use.

The center has been struggling with getting staff and has lowered their numbers to remain in ratio. They are hoping to add more staff so they can serve more families.

Each of the rooms in the center has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: library, art, blocks, toys, puzzles, puppets, grocery store and dramatic play. Children have access to bathrooms if needed. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were numbers, helper's list, colors, children's artwork and the alphabet.

The infant rooms also sufficient amount of toys, cribs, highchairs and equipment in the room. Children have access to changing tables. Observed staff playing with them, rocking them to sleep, talking to the children throughout the day and diaper changing, however, staff were reminded to wash child's hands after diapering. Good staff interaction with the children throughout the day. Staff provide a caring environment for the children. Throughout the center staff are very attentive to the children’s needs and concerns.

The center has a new toddler playground, however, needs shade. They program is looking at grant monies for a shade structure as well as different surfacing for this playground. They use the Bright Wheel app to assist them in better communication with parents and administration needs.

Meals are prepared onsite in the kitchen. Food storage practices are good. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition are currently on the food program. Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Menus were posted.

Currently they are not administering any medications. When they do administer medication it is inaccessible to the children and they complete the medication sheets. First aid is sufficient to treat minor injuries.

Fire/tornado drills are done monthly documented, however need to be documented on correct form. Center has a carbon monoxide detector in with the fire alarm. Annual heating inspection is complete. Radon tests was completed but need to be

tested in all child occupied rooms.

Two fenced-in playgrounds next to the center. The center has shade and has woodchips for surfacing. The center has a toddler playground and has put rubber tiles over wood chips for surfacing. The rubber tiles are just laid on top and have areas that are not even which causes a tripping hazards. The program is looking at different options for surfacing the toddler playground as the rubber tiles are black and get hot. Once they decide on a surfacing then they will even out more of the areas that are uneven. They tend to use an area in the bigger playground that offers shade at this time. Also, the toddler playground needs to have some shade other than the building. Monthly playground inspection were completed.

The center purchased a van last year to help for filed trips and transport preschool children to school. The center has documentation regarding the van and is in working order. Van has necessary car seats for transporting. The school bus drops children off and picks up from the center. Due to low staff the center is not doing any field trips at this time or transporting children at this time, however, is hopefully they will have more summer staff to be able to do some field trips.

A Headstart classroom opened in the basement of the building fall of 2019. Headstart shares the cook.

Goals of the center are to have more consistent staff, add shade and surfacing to the toddler playground, be more organized, and to start the IQ4K process. More continuity of staff as they are low on staff.

Strengths of the center is that the core staff work well as a team and are dependable. They also have good communication with the children and families that they serve. The center also is a back up for in-home daycare if they have openings. Program uses the Bright Wheel app which has streamed a lot of things for the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in fundraising events.

The center is on the Quality Rating System (QRS) level 3.

Staff work well as a team and have good communication with parents.

Center uses the Bright Wheel app.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 3

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: 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, Chiropractor 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: 1

109.10(8): Children’s hand washing: Center shall ensure staff assist children in personal hygiene. For each infant or child with a disability, a separate cloth for washing and one for rinsing may be used in place of running water. Children’s hands shall be washed: Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity. After using the restroom or being diapered. After handling animals.
Need to was hands when diapering and for meals.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Director needs to email consultant by 06-11-23 of those aspects cited that don't meet licensing standards have have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.