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

Name of Center: The Kid Project Community Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 122 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 19224

Street: 415 9th AVE SW **City:** Dyersville Iowa **Zip** 52040 **County:** Dubuque

Mailing Address: PO Box 213, Dyersville, IA, 52040

Director's Name: Barb Maiers **Phone Number:** 563-875-2080

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melanie Wilson;Stacie Drewelow **E-Mail:** bmaiers.thekidproject@mediacombb.net

Date(s) of Visit: 05-09-2024

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:** 04-12-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-12-2023

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	15	12	80	10	117
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 05-22-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 5/9/24. The center director, Barb Maiers, was present along with other staff. This center is non-profit and is governed by a voluntary board. The center operates in a one level building. This center provides care to children age six weeks to 12 years. The center provides before and after school and non-school day care for school aged children as well. The center soes not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

Program rooms include an adequate supply of books, games, puzzles, toys, arts/crafts supplies, and blocks. The center has an area for a teacher's "library" where a large supply of books and materials are organized by topic for staff to use in lesson planning for the various program rooms. The center director states the book supply is also cataloged. All program rooms and the lunch room include adjacent restroom areas. Some restroom areas are shared between rooms. Some program rooms also include sinks used for hand washing within the rooms as well. The nursery and toddler rooms include a diaper station and hand washing sink within the program room, and the toddler room also includes a diaper station inside of the adjacent restroom area. The nursery includes a separated food/bottle preparation sink. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. The center does participate in the CACFP. Breakfast and snack are prepared on site by the cook, and lunch is brought in from the local hospital cafeteria and partially prepared on site. The kitchen area continues to appear clean and is highly organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center director has been in this position since the center opened. She has overseen the center in its growth from a preschool only program to the large child care center it has become. She continues to be NAC certified. Some of the staff have been with the center for years. The staff appear to work well together. The staff were once again observed to be engaged with the children in activities. Photos and projects completed are on display throughout the center. The center has achieved IQ4K level one. The program participates in the local AEA program where materials can be borrowed to supplement program activities. The center is well managed, and required documentation for licensing and staff and child files continue to be highly organized.

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

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Prescription medication present without the original pharmacy label.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as

defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure compliance.

1. Ensure staff travel to the vicinity of the restroom area(s) whenever children are there to ensure supervision of this area and proper hand washing procedures. This has been noted previously.

This center will continue with a full license. Please address the violation and concern noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.