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

Name of Center: KCE Champions LLC @ Lucas Elementary **Enrollment:** 50 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50682

Street: 830 Southlawn DR **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52245 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 3274 150th ST, Riverside, IA, 52327

Director's Name: Kelsey Yansky **Phone Number:** 319-512-0838

On-Site Supervisor(s): Sara Pauley **E-Mail:** Kelsey.Yansky@discoverchampions.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-11-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 10-06-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-13-2023

Comments : Does Comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care X 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				101	101
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 03-17-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at KCE Champions Lucas for an annual visit on 3/11/24. The center provides child care for school aged children. They currently have 50 children enrolled. The center is located inside of Lucas Elementary School. The center has the multipurpose room, gym, kitchen, storage areas and an office. The fire inspection was 10/13/23.

The director is Kelsey Yansky. Kelsey started in 7/2019.

The on-site supervisor is Sara Pauley. The on-site supervisor started in 8/19. Sara had her Child Development Associates.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides afternoon snack during the school year. The center provides morning and afternoon snack during summer and no school days. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center followed handwashing procedures. The center stored medications appropriately. The center has a full stocked first aid kit. The center practiced emergency drills as required.

The center utilizes the Champion Curriculum. The curriculum focuses on six developmental domains: character development, community, creative expression, executive function, inquiry-based learning, and literacy.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center accepts child care assistance.
-The director and on-site supervisor have been with the agency since 2019.
-You can find information about the Champion Programs by visiting: https://www.discoverchampions.com/about/about-champions
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IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

109.7(1): All staff (within first 3 months of employment) 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.
-One staff needed to complete the skills portion of First Aid/CPR.

.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. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information. Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.
-One employee needed current Iowa SING checks.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
-3 child files were not signed and dated.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
-4 child files needed emergency medical information
-4 child files needed emergency dental information.

109.9(2)f: All files contain parent authorization for attendance at center-sponsored field trips and non-center activities.
-4 child files needed parent authorizations signed and dated.

109.10(1)b: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions.
-4 child files needed current school age health statements.

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long-term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
--One child's parents did not sign consent forms to administer Benadryl, EpiPen, and inhaler.

109.10(9): First aid kit: The center shall ensure that a clearly labeled first aid kit that is sufficient to address minor injury or trauma is always available and accessible to staff.
-The center did not have the current first aid checklist. https://hhs.iowa.gov/media/2896/download?inline=

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center utilizes the Champion Website to complete all child enrollment informaiton. This is extremely challenging to ensure paperwork is done accurately. Parents miss signatures/dates/and other vital information. The center directors are encouraged to use HHS forms.

The center would greatly benefit from a medication training offered by the local nurse consultant.
https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:

CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.