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

Name of Center: Kids Express Daycare **Enrollment:** 44 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 29523

Street: 102 Prospect St **City:** Sanborn Iowa **Zip** 51248 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: 102 Prospect St, Sanborn, IA, 51248

Director's Name: Jenny Beck **Phone Number:** 712-930-5535

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

Date(s) of Visit: 02-21-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-25-2021

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

Date Inspected: 02-09-2023

Comments : Effective 12-08-22 Angela Wilt director was let go. Jennifer Beck onsite supervisor, is acting director.

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	12	11	13	21	57
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-22-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Kids Express Daycare on 02-21-23 and spoke with interim director Jenny Beck. Ms Beck has been with the center for for 4 years and was the onsite supervisor since January 2022 and interim director afterwards. The program is seeking a director.

Kids Express occupies 3 rooms in a renovated building in Sanborn. They have an infant room, two and up room, and a 3 year old preschool room which they also use for childcare when preschool is not in session. Kids Express 3 year old preschool program is Tuesday and Thursdays 9 to 11:30 am. The program operates Monday through Friday 6:00am to 6pm. In June 2021 the center's capacity increased from 35 to 57 with the previous preschool program closing in the now 3 year old preschool room.

There are 44 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 20 children present. The center continues in following all 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. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted in main lobby, but should also be posted in each room specific to each rooms ages and activities. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, reminding the children about rules, and sitting at the tables with the children during meals. The center utilizes theme based Curriculum at this time.

The infant room has sufficient number of toys and equipment for the number of infants that the room can accommodate. The infants are provided with good stimulation and nurturance throughout the visit. Staff had good interactions with the infants and attended to their needs. Room is arranged to provide a safe environment for infants. Children have access to a changing table in the room, although should have a separate garbage can for diapering. Emergency door has a ramp. They would like to add a barrier to keep those that crawl from being in the food prep area and diapering area.

Meals and snacks are prepared onsite in a kitchen that is inaccessible to the children. Meals are served family style and the staff sit at the lunch tables to eat and assist/interact with the children during mealtime. Good food storage practices were observed. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. Menus were posted. The program is looking at putting in a vent for the stove to be able to cook more variety of meals.

Medication are stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. At this time they do not have anyone who they give meds to. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented for each month. Radon test was complete and within normal range. Center has a Radon mitigation system. Furnace inspection was completed. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies/procedures are in place. The program did notice some foundation issues which needs to be addressed asap. Floor beams in the basement are cracking from what appears to be some settling. The director is having someone come to do an assessment.

The center has a large fenced-in playground. The playground has new climbing equipment as of spring of 2022. They had received grant monies to update the playground equipment. Surfacing material is rubber mulch. Monthly playground inspection completed. Shade is available on the playground. Due to several inches of snow on the playground the playground will be viewed at a later date. The center does not transport the children.

Goals of the center are to get a director, curriculum for the center, IQ4K program, PBIS -discipline program, gate for infant room, and to start doing some staff appreciation ideas.

Strengths: Center has a good relationship with the children and families that they serve. Staff that they have are a good core staff who work as a team and willing to help each other out. Center uses the Bright Wheel app to communicate with families as well as bill pay.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center uses Bright Wheel App to communicate with families.

Display children's art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

The center uses white boards in the hallway to post announcements for parents regarding what is happening in the daycare.

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

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, 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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
Center has foundation issues and needs to be addressed asap.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center will email consultant by 03-31-23 confirming that all aspects that fall below standards have been corrected. It is recommended that Ms. Beck continue to work with CCRR and other supports as interim director. Program has a potential staff for director, however, at this time she does not qualify as director. It would be beneficial that this staff work in rooms at least 30 hours per week and office time 10 hours per week. As well as director class and trainings in early childhood.

A full license will remain in effect 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.