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

Name of Center: Kids Corral Inc **Enrollment:** 61 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39488

Street: 1509 E Washington ST STE 3 **City:** Washington Iowa **Zip** 52353 **County:** Washington

Mailing Address: 1509 E Washington ST STE 3, Washington, IA, 52353

Director's Name: Jordie Llewellyn **Phone Number:** 319-591-8028

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kylie Leeman and Kali McDole **E-Mail:** kidscorral8028@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-20-2025

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:** 05-15-2024

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

Date Inspected: 06-27-2023

Comments : conducted by Mark Chenoweth Washington Fire Department, due every 3 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 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	12	24		60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2024 to 07-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jill Seibert **Date:** 07-11-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Kids Corral Inc. is a center established in 2012 located on the edge of downtown Washington in a commercial district. The building is one story and is a sole occupancy on a busy thoroughfare. The center provides year round full day child care to infant through preschool age children. The center is owned and operated by Kids Corral, Inc., a not for profit corporation. The new Director (2024) is Jordie Llewellyn. Ms. Llewellyn also directs Kids Corral BASP on the other side of Washington.

The center has two onsite supervisors (Kylie Leeman (2021) and Kali McDole (2023)). The Director is present at the center for the majority of program hours.

I made an unannounced off year visit on 5/20/25. All program areas were observed at that time. I met with director Jordie Llewellyn, and other staff members. Staff were actively providing care to the children during the visit. All program areas were observed. The visit consisted of classroom and building area review and observations of activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The center consists of an enclosed infant area, an area for 1s that have transitioned to cots, an adjoined area for preschool age children and a space for twos. The center also has a separate kitchen and director's office. The center is clean, bright, attractive and equipped with a satisfactory variety of new child sized furniture, equipment, toys, games, and activities for the children.

The infant area is self-contained with its own phone, infant meal preparation facilities, and direct exit to the outdoors. The area is carpeted for infant floor play. Cribs, diaper changing area, other equipment, and toys for infant stimulation and development are present.

The three year old area is separated from the rest of the center by a door to an adjoining building. The area is equipped with toys and activities specific to preschool age development and play. It is open and self-contained with its own phone, and restrooms. The classroom is equipped with child sized tables and chairs and a satisfactory variety of toys, games, and activities for the children. The curriculum is theme based and developed by the teachers. It is described as about 60% teacher directed and 40% child selected. Interest centers available to the children include: blocks, children's literature, dramatic play, toys and games, puzzles and small manipulatives, music and movement, art, sensory table, writing table, and computer area.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed:

Meals are served family style in the classrooms and posted menus indicate that minimum nutritional requirements are met. The kitchen contains new equipment, sufficient storage for center food, and sufficient dish washing capacity to accommodate a center of this size. The center participates in CACFP. Menus are posted and meet guidelines. Food is served every three hours. Food storage was adequate. No outdated food items were present and no food was stored on the

floor.

Center Health and Safety:

CCNC Krana reviewed center administration of prescription and non-prescription medication in accordance with licensing regulations, physician directions, and parental consent. We reviewed center compliance with regulations regarding staff and child hand washing, storage and maintenance of a first aid kit, emergency plans and drills for fire and tornado, environmental testing and the maintenance of any necessary detection equipment, and general regulations regarding safety and sanitation policies and procedures. Tornado and fire drills have been conducted monthly and documented.

Ratio was met. Staff should be positioned so that staff can see all children under their care at all times. Especially in the infant room. Capacity is followed for each room.

Center Playground:

The center has a fenced and naturally shaded outdoor play area immediately behind the center. The area currently features a commercial climbing structure and rubber chip surfacing of adequate depth. The Childcare Outdoor Weather Watch is consulted when outdoor play is questionable due to varying weather conditions. Playground inspections should be conducted monthly. Each child has at least 75 square feet of space when outdoors. Caps were put on the fence bolts for safety measures. A first aid kit should be taken outdoors each time the children go outside, along with any emergency medication. A climber rated for children three and up may not be used by children under age three.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips:

The center owns 2 vans, and provides transportation. The vans both require an updated vehicle inspection. They have working safety devices, emergency contacts and a first aid kit. Field trip and transportation ratios are followed. .

Community volunteers come to the program and give presentations.

Center Administrative Records:

The Director has been working with each room on curriculum, schedules and daily routines. She may access CCR&R to assist with any issues of this nature. She is already accessing ISU (Jacki McCracken) for PBIS services.

Child misbehavior is addressed by redirection, and positive reinforcement of appropriate behavior. The center is in compliance with regulations regarding required notices and postings and required written policies provided to parents in the form of a parent handbook.

Staff and child records are mostly complete and well organized. They are reviewed annually. Trainings reviewed annually are CPR/1st Aid (due every 2 years), Mandatory Reporter training (due every 5 years). Sing checks due every 2 years, Fingerprints, due prior to starting and every 4 years, and professional development due annually were reviewed. All staff should have approved physicals upon hire and every 3 years.

The center has a specific Emergency Preparedness plan for this building. It is reviewed annually with staff and they sign and date acknowledgement of such. It has not been conducted yet this past year but the Director agreed to do so.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The Center Director is willing to work with resources.

PBIS coaches, CCR&R and CCNC visit frequently.

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

1. 109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs. Three staff fingerprints had been returned. As of 6/30/25 they have been sent back in but no results. CORRECTED

2. 109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control. 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. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed. Three staff were behind on MR training and

3. 109.10(12)d: Vehicles that are owned or leased by the center shall receive regular maintenance and inspection according to manufacturer-recommended guidelines for vehicle and tire maintenance and inspection.

4. 109.10(15)c: Center shall develop procedures for annual staff and volunteer training on emergency plans. The Director emailed HHS on 6/30/25, "We had an in service day on June 19, the staff went over our emergency plans in depth. ." CORRECTED

5. 109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant. No co-sleeping shall be allowed. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required. Staff must be positioned and turned toward infants while they are sleeping so they can see the rise and fall of the chest and skin coloring. Boppy pillows should be removed from the infant room.

6. 109.11(2)b Program space must meet the following conditions:

Room must be arranged so as not to obstruct the direct observation of children by staff.
Individual covered mats, bed, or cots and appropriate bedding will be provided for all children who nap.
Equipment and materials are maintained in a sanitary manner.
Sufficient spacing must be maintained.
An approved fire inspection is due annually or every three years (whichever is dictated by either city or state applicable code).

The sink doesn't drain. A light is out. A one year old child cut her finger on a window ledge. This has been reported to the building owner. The program is searching for another building. The preschool room is arranged so that staff are not able to observe all children at all times. Two rooms had children napping and they were spaced too close together. Surfacing is needed under the slide in the one year old room. The Director emailed HHS on 6/30/25, "The slide has a gymnastic mat under it in the tots room now. We also did a major rearrangement in the 3-5's room for better supervision. I had Tabitha walk through it with me to make sure it all looked good. She recommended adding more toys and activities to our centers, but overall it looked good. Toni stopped by today and we discussed the slide in the tots room. We removed the slide after your visit and she is going to get back to me with the manufacturer of indoor surfacing."

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

HHS encourages you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Toni Krana is the Child Care Nurse Consultant for the program. HHS made a referral to CCNC Krana. She visited the program on 5/20/24 to provide consultation and training.

Following the HHS and subsequent IDPH visit CCNC Krana noted the following, "Kids Corral,

I completed a visit on 5-20-24 to address issues that were identified in the licensing visit and to provide supplies to implement toothbrushing. I have identified areas of concern in the playground, these have been identified on the attached documents along with the playground inspection report that was completed with the director yesterday. The playground has serious safety issues that need to be addressed ASAP. Please notify when these have been completed, then I will come

back out and do another inspection. If these are not completed right away the playground needs to be taken out of service until they are completed. The climbing structure is designed for children ages 3 and up and should not be used by the toddlers.

I also completed a safe sleep checklist and reviewed with staff in the room and director. Director will schedule a safe sleep class with me for all staff to be completed at the center by end of June 2024. It was also noted that the light needs to be fixed that room.

I also checked all medications on site and identified that there were multiple medications that were expired and medication like cough syrup and oral gel present these are not allowed to be used in childcare unless prescribed by a doctor. None of the medication in the box met the required HHS guidelines. This was discussed with Dolly and the staff that are trained to give medications and Dolly is working on getting the required authorization and getting medication bottles marked with child's full name to be in compliance. Other than emergency medications on site there are no other prescription medications, only over the counter. I would highly recommend changing the medication policy to not give over-the-counter medications unless they are prescribed by the child's doctor. This will help with compliance issues that could cause you to be sited by licensing staff, it also decreases the center and staff liability. This was discussed with Dolly and staff that give medications and all agree that changing the policy would be helpful.

Please let me know if you have any questions related to the finding and if I can help in any way.

Kids Corral:

5-20-2024 Site visit to go over Safe Sleep and complete the playground checklist, problems identified and plan in place to fix issues.
6-19-2025 Safe Sleep Class provided to staff
8-30-2024- site visit to address complaints that had been received and the snack schedule.
9-6-2024- Site visit to address issues that staff were having, board members present.
9-12-2024- Site Visit to meet new director.
10-8-2024- Site visit to do medication test out for 3 providers, also discussed OTC medications.
10-21-2024- Site visit immunization audit completed.
01-8-2025- site visit to go over room arrangements.
1-30-2025- TA question about illness in the center
3-31-2025 Onsite visit walk through of center, any violations corrected at time of visit.
5-7-2025 Onsite visit to do walk through of center prior to HHS visit, violations that needed corrected discussed with the director.

Thanks,
Toni Krana RN, CCNC
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HHS encourages you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website for more information: http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5/ Tabitha Copeland is the child care consultant for this program. Consultant Copeland has provided consultation and training services to the center the past year. She will continue to work with them on room arrangement, curriculum, etc.. Consultant Copeland is visiting with Consultant Heck on 5/27/24. She stated, "Kids Corral: I took this as an official referral from HHS. I am scheduled to go in May 28th and start with ratios, files and trainings. Dolly and I are planning on me going in every 2-3 wks. for a while as she tries to get staff on board with several things. I will keep you updated."

2025: Kids corral- general support on trainings and have not been on site since 2-26-2025. I will connect to see if support is wanted

PBIS is visiting the center for classroom support.. Curriculum has been an identified issue to improve on.

*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.