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

Name of Center: Kids & Company-Lewis & Clark **Enrollment:** 60 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7199

Street: 1603 Grand Ave **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51503 **County:** Pottawattamie

Mailing Address: 300 W Broadway Ste 212, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

Director's Name: Molly Stogdill **Phone Number:** 712-396-2573

On-Site Supervisor(s): Hailey Hanson **E-Mail:** mstogdill@cbsf.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-21-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-17-2023

Comments : One violation was noted. Please make sure this was corrected.

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			10	90	100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2025 to 10-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-21-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Lewis & Clark Kids & Company on 4-21-2025. The program is located in the gym at Lewis & Clark Elementary School. Before and after school services are provided to preschool children to children in fifth grade. The program opens at 6:15 am and runs until school begins and then opens after school until 6:00 pm. Full day programming is available for in service days, snow days and during the summer. The program consolidates with the other Kids & Company sites for full day and summer programming.
There are 60 children enrolled.
Molly Stogdill became the director in May 2022. Hailey Hanson continues to be the on-site supervisor, she has been employed with Kids & Company for seven years and has always worked at the Lewis & Clark site.

Observation of room:
I met with Hailey on the day of my licensing visit. The program is held in the gym/cafeteria area. There were 35 children and 3 staff present. The children were washing hands and getting ready to eat breakfast.
The staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The curriculum and activities are designed to engage the children. The center had current lesson plans/activities. Social skills has been added to the curriculum, A social skill is designated each month and reviewed daily.

During the summer of 2025 child care programming will be provided to preschool and kindergarten children at the Lewis & Clark site - three classrooms will be used and fun field trips are planned.

Nutrition:
The program receives the daily snack through the school, the monthly menu was posted. The program participates in the federal food program.
Refrigerator/freezer have thermometers.

Health and safety:
Fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
The center follows proper medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication.
Radon testing is required and is monitored by the Department of Education radon test scores must be under a 4.0 pCi/L.
If you have fuel burning appliances make sure you have an annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection.
Purell Surface is used for sanitizing, and they use the three step bottle procedure.

Playground:
The program uses the school playground. Playground safety checks are practiced and documented.

Transportation:
The program doesn't offer daily transportation services. A school bus is hired when a field trip is taken.

Administrative records:

Staff files were read on a previous date at the administrative office.
Children's files were read and were in excellent order.
Staff receive ongoing training from Kids & Company. Hailey maintains ongoing contact with the director.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app, this provides excellent communication between the center and the parent.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Hailey is very enthusiastic and proud of the program. She is very organized and has excellent skills as the site supervisor. Staff were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.

Purpose - "Kids & Company provides a caring, stimulating environment where your child can develop social and decision-making skills through a variety of activities. We provide a fun, inviting, safe and age appropriate setting for your child". The program is an excellent resource for the school and the community.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 10-1-2025 to 10-1-2027.

*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.