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

Name of Center: Kids Connection-Holy Trinity School **Enrollment:** 78 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 34523

Street: 2922 Beaver Ave **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50310 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 2922 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA, 50310

Director's Name: Jenith Burry **Phone Number:** 515-255-3162

On-Site Supervisor(s): Quentin Abraham **E-Mail:** jburry@htschool.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-16-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-26-2021

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

Date Inspected: 09-01-2023

Comments : Fire inspections are due at least every three 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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 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*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	58	75	133
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2023 to 09-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 09-20-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year annual visit was completed 9/16/24. Director, Jennith Burry was present through the entire visit.

Kids Connection - Holy Trinity School has been in business for many years. Holy Trinity offers school for pre-school through 8th grade students. Kids Connection offers child care for pre-school through school age and current enrollment is about 65. Kids Connection is located/operates from the Holy Trinity School. During the school year, there is a before and after school component in addition to wrap around care (referred to as extended learning) for preschool age children. There is full-day programming during the summer months. Children who attend Holy Trinity can attend this center.

During the summer months the hours of the program are 6:45 am to 5:30 pm. During the school year the hours of operation are 6:30 am to 5:45 pm.

The center is overseen by a Board. Jenith Burry is the director of this center and has been since 2006. Quentin Abraham is the on-site supervisor, beginning in this role in October of 2021. Quentin has several years experience in school-age licensed programs Both Jenith and Quentin meet the qualifications for their positions.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Room Observations: The center uses a variety of different learning curriculum in their teachings and partners with Holy Trinity School and their voluntary preschool program teacher. The center uses the Brightwheel Application to communicate with parents. The rooms were observed to have good center set up with a variety of age/developmentally appropriate centers. The staff were engaged with the children in the classrooms; with good structure. The rooms were nicely arranged; and very clean.

Nutrition Practices: The on-site kitchen is operated and maintained by the school. Dedicated school kitchen staff prepare meals that are served cafeteria-style in the lunchroom, which the center has access and the school maintains. The center does have designated storage areas in the school kitchen for snacks that center staff are serving to the children. Center staff supervise the children while at lunch. The center is not on the food program and the menus rotate; and are written by the school. In the summer, the children bring their own lunches.

Health and Safety: Medication is stored and secured in the nurse's office of the school when school is in session. When summer session is on-going, medications are securely stored in the director's office; The director and on-site supervisor are medication administration certified and administer medications. Handwashing poster are present in the pre-school classrooms and in the restrooms on the first level where the school-age children's program is operated. The center has available first aid kits in each classroom. Fire/Tornado emergency plans are posted in the classrooms and documented completed monthly. The HVAC system is comprised of a boiler system and is inspected school/professionally on an annual basis. Radon testing had been completed in July of 2021, where all readings were noted to be less then the maximum safe

level <4.0. Radon testing is due every five years after readings have verified levels are below 4.0. The center has carbon monoxide detectors in each hallway.

Playground: There are two playgrounds, separated by age. The playground for younger children (pre-school) is enclosed by chain link fencing. This area was in good repair. The playground for older children is currently closed off and under construction; the center uses a plethora of green space for playground time.

Transportation/Field trips: there is not transportation provided during the school year; in the summer session there are field trips offered and the center contracts with Durham bussing for a bus that includes a professional bus driver.

Administrative Review: The center has posted information regarding Mandatory Reporter; handbook accessibility; consultant contact; license along with several posting for the emergency exit plans and non-smoking signs. Eight child files were reviewed and contained all necessary information. Three staff files were reviewed; one staff file missing updated CPR/First Aid certificate that the director indicated had been completed but had not been placed in the file on the day of the visit.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director has meetings with other center directors in the Diocese regularly. Staff team meetings are held every other month.

The director and the on-site supervisor work well together and are very organized.

The center has a camera system in place and the center has a secure entrance. Parents have key-cards that are operational during program hours.

The center has a strong working relationship with the school. The center communicates daily during the school year with teachers and the principal.

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 1-
The director indicated that the staff had completed the course to recertify; only the expired certificate was located in the file at the time of the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center last completed radon testing in July of 2021 and all rooms tested fell below the 4.0 cutoff. After testing indicates levels <4.0, testing then is completed every five years.

The boiler is inspected every August and is maintained by the school/church.

*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.