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

Name of Center: Kirkwood Kares Inc BASP **Enrollment:** 43 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24259

Street: 1401 9th ST **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1401 9th ST, Coralville, IA, 52241

Director's Name: Abbie Knight **Phone Number:** 319-331-7888

On-Site Supervisor(s): Irma Torres **E-Mail:** kirkwoodkares@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-14-2024

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:** 10-30-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-21-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

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 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				90	90
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:** 12-07-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at KIRKWOOD KARES INC BASP - 24259 onn11/14/2024 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 10/21/2022. The center is
for nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center serves school aged children. The center is open year around. The hours of operation are 7:00am-5:30pm. Their current enrollment is 43.

The director is Abbie Knight. Abbie started in 2005. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Linguistics with an Emphasis in TESL.

The onsite supervisor is Irma Torres. She has worked at the center since 2016. Irma has a Bachelor's Degree.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center is located in Kirkwood Elementary School. The center uses a multipurpose room and office.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits.

Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center offers afternoon snack.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed. The center does communicate with parents via:

The center's curriculum is teacher created. During the summer they do take field trips. They went to Fun Station, Lost Island, Adventureland, Sky Zone, and go swimming at the Coralville Pool.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center offers a fun activity daily and additional options of games in gym, board games, outside play, homework assistance, drawing/coloring or legos/blocks
-The center has the University of Iowa Nursing Students visit to give health lessons.
-The director gives the families monthly newsletters.
-The director has been with the program since 2005. The on-site supervisor has been with the program since 2016.

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

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.

-1/9 staff need National FBI Checks.

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.
-6/9 staff need need First Aid and CPR.
-8/9 staff need Universal Precautions.
-5/9 staff need Mandatory Reporter.
-5/9 staff need Essentials.

109.7(2): Center directors and all staff have the required contact hours of training.
-3/9 staff need ongoing professional development.

109.9(1)a: All files contain statement signed by staff indicating whether they have a criminal conviction or founded child/dependent adult abuse.
-9/9 need the employee statement. This can be found at:
https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/24%20Emp%20Vol%20Stmt.pdf

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-Staff purses must be stored inaccessible to the children at all times. The director is strongly encouraged to post this for staff's review: https://poisoncontrol.utah.edu/sites/g/files/zrelqx281/files/media/documents/2021/PursePoster.pdf

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period. As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf

This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year. This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa’s Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center’s CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings. Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety
policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center’s CCNC consultant visit: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

*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.