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

Name of Center: Kountry Kids Child Care **Enrollment:** 95 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50778

Street: 200 12th Street **City:** Harlan Iowa **Zip** 51537 **County:** Shelby

Mailing Address: 200 12th Street, Harlan, IA, 51537

Director's Name: Pam Klinkefus **Phone Number:** 712-235-2411

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kountrykids@fmctc.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 12-28-2020

Comments :

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	10	15	37	30	92
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-14-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visits were made to Kountry Kids Child Care on 2-8-2023. The center is run by a board. Pam Klinkefus returned to the center to be the director in November 2022 due to the previous director leaving. Pam reported that she is in the process of training someone to become the director. The center opened on October 1, 2019. The center offers child care services to infants to school age children Monday through Friday 5:45 am to 6:00 pm.
There are 95 children enrolled in the center.
I met with Pam during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:
The program rooms were in ratio. The daily sheets looked good. Some program rooms needed lesson plans/activities. Pam reported that the center is using Pinnacle Curriculum and the staff are being trained on this curriculum. Please make sure staff are completing lesson
plans/activities, and that the director is reviewing them weekly. Children were observed during nap time/rest time. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children. In the preschool room ten children were watchin tv and eight children were taking a nap, you need to make sure staff have direct observation of all of the children.
Each room has a tablet and the Brightwheel app is used for daily sheets.

Nutrition:
The center employs a cook who prepares breakfast and snacks. Treat America/Company Kitchen delivers the daily lunch. The center participates in the federal food program. Menus were posted. Appropriate food storage was observed.

Health and safety:
Fire/tornado drills weren't practiced since October 2022. Fire/tornado drills must be practiced and documented monthly.
Four radon tests were completed in May 2022, the test results were in the acceptable range.
Staff reported proper medication management procedures are practiced when a child is prescribed medication.
The bleach/water for sanitizing is mixed in the kitchen at opening time each day. Oxivir Tb is used for disinfecting at diaper changing tables and bathrooms. The center disinfects everything each night with Oxivir Tb i.e. tables, hard surface toys etc.
The center has a posting showing what sanitizing and disinfecting is for.

Playground:
The center has a very nice outdoor play area.
Monthly playground inspections weren't practiced and documented since September 2022. Please begin completing the monthly playground inspections.

Transportation:
The school bus provides transportation for the preschool age children. The center has a fifteen passenger van. The center provides transportation to school for school age children in the morning. The van is used for field trips.

Administrative records:

Five staff files were read and were in good order.
Twenty children's files were read and were in good order.
The center has an active board that meets monthly.
Pam reported that they will have monthly staff meetings.
The center employs an accountant/bookkeeper to do the centers billing, payroll and food program billing.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your center is an excellent resource to the community. Pam Klinkefus is very committed to the center she has devoted many years to making the center successful. She continues to return to the center from retirement when needed as the director. Fundraising events are held throughout the year. Pam reported that the center will be applying for the IQ4K program. Pam said that Greg Smith from Child Care Resource and Referral was coming to the center twice a week to provide assistance in a variety of topics.

New in 2022/2023
The center received grants. The center has installed new windows, new toilets and new locks and the program rooms are being painted. The center is applying for a grant for their playground area.
The center would like to remodel, adding additional space for the school age program.

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

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
Fire/tornado drills weren't practiced since October 2022. Fire/tornado drills must be practiced and documented monthly.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
Monthly playground inspections weren't practiced and documented since September 2022. Please begin completing the monthly playground inspections.

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
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plans/activities, and that the director is reviewing them weekly.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room’s arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
In the preschool room ten children were watchin tv and eight children were taking a nap, you need to make sure staff have direct observation of all of the children.

Please send me an email by April 30, 2023 and let me know how the items listed above have been corrected.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 10-1-2023 to 10-1-2025.

You will need an approved fire marshal inspection by 12-28-2023. The last inspection I have documentation for is dated 12-28-2020.

Please send me an email by April 30, 2023 and let me know how the noncompliance items listed above have been corrected.

*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.