

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

Name of Center: KidQuest, BASC **Enrollment:** 12 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50260

Street: 602 Lincoln St **City:** Parkersburg **Iowa Zip** 50665 **County:** Butler

Mailing Address: 427 Nash Street, Aplington, IA, 50604

Director's Name: Madison Brustkern **Phone Number:** 319-347-6366

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kidquest427@gmail.com,
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Date(s) of Visit: 11-02-2020

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** 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: 08-15-2018

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>		<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>	
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	0	0	0	30	30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 12-01-2020 to 12-01-2022
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury

Date: 11-03-2020

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was made to KidQuest BASC program in Parkersburg where I met with the lead teacher Galatia Broesamle. Galatia took over as the lead teacher at the start of the year as Madison Brustkern took over the director role for Kid Quest. Madison started with the program in August 2019 and has previous experience working in child care. The program is currently conducting a search for a qualified individual to be the on-site supervisor for the program. The program has been in operation since 2018 and operates out of Parkersburg Elementary School. The program provides before and after school care to school age children only. The hours of operation are 6:00-7:55 am before school and 3:20-6:00 pm after school. The program does not operate during the summer. There are currently 12 children enrolled in the program served by 2 staff.

The program utilizes the library and gym/cafeteria. Both areas were observed to be clean and free of any concerns related to maintenance. The library is an interior space where the only windows look out onto the building hallways. The gym/cafeteria area has trestle tables of a Murphy style that fold into alcoves in the wall. There is a direct exit providing access to the outdoors. Restrooms are located outside the library off the main corridor. The restrooms are visible from the entry of the library and staff should either escort children to the restroom after they check in or at a minimum stand in an location where they can observe the children to ensure that they get to and return from the bathroom safely.

The library is the primary programming area. The program has several shelving units, and an office space where materials are stored. Activity option materials include art/crafts, books, blocks/Legos, games, computers, table toys, puzzles, listening, math and writing. The materials were in good condition and appropriate to the ages of the children. The program also maintains a bulletin board where notices and information are posted including a copy of the daily schedule. Due to the limited nature of the program the curriculum is primarily focused on monthly themes which are related to the seasons, holidays, and other general concepts. On the day of my visit the schedule had the children arrive in the afternoon and then spend the first 30 minutes of the day reading as a form of academic support. The teachers did sign off on homework logs for the children that they had completed that activity for their regular school assignment.

Good health and safety practices were generally observed with the center having implemented several temporary requirements in response to the current Coronavirus pandemic. This includes restricted access, daily health screening, enhanced cleaning, and requiring facial coverings. Due to the limited nature of the program medications are not administered but policies are in place should it become necessary in the future. A first aid kit is present and stocked with materials necessary to address most common first aid needs. Hand washing requirements do need to be reviewed to ensure that staff wash their hands immediately upon arrival, and prior to snack service.

Due to the limited hours of operation meals are not prepared but snacks are provided. The program does participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The children are provided an afternoon snack, which they eat in the cafeteria provided by KidQuest Child Care and Preschool. A menu was not posted on the day of my visit as the program had just gone shopping and Galatia stated that she would prepare one based on the items that had been provided. The snack that was served on the day of my visit included apples, Graham Crackers, and milk. The program has a refrigerator and a thermometer was present. Not all food items were properly stored in air tight containers and the requirements for this were

reviewed.

The program does make use of the school playground. While it is understood that the school is responsible to maintain the playground facilities the program does conduct inspections and limits the children to those aspects which are in good repair. The equipment was well maintained. Wood chips are used for fall surfacing beneath climbing structures. A large tree provides ample shade. The playground is fully enclosed by chain link fencing.

In reviewing administrative records all required notices were posted in an area that would readily accessible to all visitors and parents. All required inspection logs and certificates were available and current. The program does maintain contact information and parental statements of health for all children. Staff files are reviewed at the program main campus office during the licensing visit for that program and any concerns are addressed at that time.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This continues to be a very strong support for the families and the community by providing a safe environment for school age children who need supervision for a limited time following school. By being located in the school the program and the families do not need to worry about coordinating transportation.

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

109.10(7): Staff hand washing: The center shall ensure staff demonstrate clean personal hygiene. Staff shall wash hands: Upon arrival at the center. Immediately before eating or participating in food service activity. After diapering a child. Before leaving the rest room either with a child or by themselves. Before and after administering nonemergency first aid if gloves are not worn. After handling animals or cleaning cages.

-- 1 staff member did not wash their hands immediately upon arrival, or prior to serving snack.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed. Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves. Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.

-- Not all food items were properly stored. All food items whether intended for child consumption or not shall be placed in air tight sealable food grade container labeled with the date placed in storage and the contents if not readily identifiable once the original packaging seal has been broken.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying a plan of action to correct and maintain those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.