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

Name of Center: Kingdom Kids Community Daycare **Enrollment:** 33 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 44029

Street: 305 E Madison St **City:** Inwood Iowa **Zip** 51240 **County:** Lyon

Mailing Address: PO Box 186, Inwood, IA, 51240

Director's Name: Haley Oyen **Phone Number:** 712-753-2096

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kaylee Ver Steeg **E-Mail:** kingdomkids@alliancecom.net

Date(s) of Visit: 08-23-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-07-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-08-2022

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	22	7	27		56
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2022 to 09-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 08-24-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 08-23-23 a visit was made to Kingdom Kids Community Daycare in Inwood where I met with new director Haley Oyen as Breanna Schrick had resigned. Haley became director in July 2023 and came from being a director in a center in Sioux Falls, SD. Haley has several years working in a childcare setting. Kaylee Ver Steeg is the new onsite supervisor since June 5, 2023. The center had an interim director Jenny Douglas since the spring, however, she has also resigned.

Kingdom Kids Community Daycare is located in the Christian Reformed Church. The center operates 6:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday. Center serves children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old(or when they go to Kindergarten). Center has 5 rooms: a infant room, 1 year old room, 18months-2year old room, 3year old room, and 4/5 year old room. Hours of the program are Monday-Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm. Center had added 2 new classrooms to which changed capacity from 52 to 56 which program will started using effective 06-20-22. Center added exterior doors to the new rooms which they plan to use as a 18month- 2yr and 3yr old class rooms. Due to staffing issues they are not currently using the 3yr old room at this time.

There are 33 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit 27 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys daily that children use. The center has added walkie talkies so rooms can get ahold of director or other staff if they need to. The center also uses the Bright Wheel app to help with communication to parents. The program closes 1x per year for professional development staff trainings.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Meals and snacks are prepared onsite in a kitchen area next to the dining area. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition, however, are not currently on the food program. The new director is wanting to get back on the food program. Menus were posted.

Center Health & Safety
Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center is not currently administering medication. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon tests were completed, however, the results were high. The program has someone coming in to start mitigation in the next month or two which will need to retest when completed. Center was notified with a recent furnace inspection that the church needs a new furnace. This could be why radon is high. Center will retest after new furnace has been put in place. Annual heating inspection needs to be completed and church/program needs a new furnace. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained.

Center Playground
The playground area is fenced in. The playground has slides, swings, basketball hoop and riding equipment. Playground has rubber mulch for cushioning material around the play equipment. The program added turf around half of the playground

and have extended the playground and has installed turf which used to be a grassy area. The playground has a new shade structure. The center has a cement path for children to use riding toys. Monthly playground inspection are completed.

Center's goals: To get back on the food program, Get on IQ4K program, hire quality staff, security system and more cameras, new curriculum, change to 4 and 5 day contracts.

Strengths of the program: Good communication with families and children they serve. Staff work well as a team and express ideas and concerns. Good support from the center's board members, monthly with staff, staff flexible and help each other out, and the center has a good group of staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has playground which each child occupied room has direct access out to it.

Materials in the center were in good condition and accessible to the children.

The center has monthly staff meetings.

The center does several fund raisers and grants for new toys and center improvements.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 1

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

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide consultant with an email confirming that those items that fall blow standards have been completed by 09-23-23.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

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.