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

**Name of Center:** Kids & Company-Bloomer **Enrollment:** 58 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7191

**Street:** 210 S 7th St **City:** Council Bluffs Iowa **Zip** 51501 **County:** Pottawattamie

**Mailing Address:** 300 W Broadway Ste 212, Council Bluffs, IA, 51503

**Director's Name:** Molly Stogdill **Phone Number:** 712-355-3290

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** mstogdill@cbsf.org

**Date(s) of Visit:** 09-30-2024

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

**Date Inspected:** 08-20-2024

**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:** 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* | *Summer Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | | | 5 | 78 | 83 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 12-01-2024 to 12-01-2026 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 10-04-2024

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Kids & Company Bloomer on 9-30-2024. The program is located in the Bloomer Elementary School cafeteria. The program also utilizes the gym that is located on the third floor.
The center provides before and after school care, full day child care on in service days and snow days from 6:15 am to 6:00 pm Monday through Friday for preschool age children to 5th grade children. Mondays are early out days for the Council Bluffs schools. On in service days, snow days and during the summer the program consolidates locations in the Kids & Company programs. Madilyn Hiers is the site director/on-site supervisor, she has worked for Kids and Company for two years and has been at this site since August 2024. There are 58 children enrolled.

Observation of room:
The cafeteria is used for the program it is a large open area. The program was in ratio. The children were having fun playing in the activity centers and making a craft with candy corn. Staff had good interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment.
Lesson plans/activities were posted.
A child was unsupervised laying down in the office because they weren't feeling well. Children must be supervised at all times. The staff person said the parent had been called to pick up their child and the child was moved to a location in the main room where the staff could see them.
The center uses the Brightwheel child care app.

Nutrition:
The program participates in the federal food program. An afternoon snack is provided by the school. Breakfast is offered in the morning through the school.

Health and safety:
The program follows medication management procedures when a child is prescribed medication. The first aid kit was properly stocked.
Fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for making sure radon testing is completed and DHHS child care licensing no longer tracks the radon testing information. The annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection was completed on 6-20-2022 and expires on 10-31-2023.
The center uses Purell Surface for sanitizing and they are using the three bottle procedure - 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing.

Playground:
The program utilizes the school playground, the school maintenance staff maintain the school grounds. The school has a nice large play area with equipment and a cement area. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:

The program doesn't offer daily transportation services. During the summer program field trips are taken and a school bus is hired.

Administrative records:
Children's files were read - One preschool child file needed a current physical and some files are missing the name of the doctor, I think this is a printing issue. Please review all child files and make sure the name of the doctor is on the form, if it isn't you can write the doctors name of your form. Please discuss the printing issue with Molly Stogdill so she can get the error fixed.
Staff files were read on previous date at the main office.
Molly meets with staff on an ongoing basis.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
Molly Stogdill is the director.

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
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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.
Additional concerns: A child was unsupervised laying down in the office because they weren't feeling well. Children must be supervised at all times. The staff person said the parent had been called to pick up their child and the child was moved to a location in the main room where the staff could see them.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for 12-1-2024 to 12-1-2026.

*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.