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

Name of Center: Kids Business Of Dewitt **Enrollment:** 29 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18587

Street: 1313 Maynard Way **City:** Dewitt Iowa **Zip** 52742 **County:** Clinton

Mailing Address: 1313 Maynard Way, Dewitt, IA, 52742

Director's Name: Tricia Kennedy **Phone Number:** 563-659-8461

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kidsbusinessinc@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-16-2025

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: 01-02-2024

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: 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	17	11	34	13	75
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2025 to 07-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 05-12-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 4/16/25. The center director, Tricia Kennedy, was present at the time of the visit. Tricia is qualified with an associates degree in preschool education and several years of work experience in child care centers. This center is a non-profit entity governed by a board of directors. The building is one level with an upstairs "attic" that is just used for storage. The center provides care to children infant through school age and does provide care before and after school and on non school days to school age children. The center does not participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of the following program rooms: Infant Room (currently not in use because of staffing, six weeks to approximately one year), One Year Old Room (currently not in use because of staffing, approximately one year through 23 months), Two Year Old Room (currently 18 months through two years), Three Year Old Room (three/four years), Ball/Multi-Purpose Room (this room is used for indoor large motor activities), Four Year Old Room (four/five years), and School Age Room. Program rooms are generally adequately stocked with materials to support program needs. Program rooms include hand washing sinks within the program room and adjacent restroom areas, in some cases shared between two rooms. Rooms with children in diapers include diaper stations within the program room. All program space was observed.

The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. The center participates in the CACFP. Lunch is catered to the center from a local catering service business. Breakfast and snacks are provided and prepared by the center. The kitchen continues to be clean and organized.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The building itself is generally well maintained and is bright with many windows. The staff were observed to be highly engaged with the children in activities throughout the center. The staff appear to work well together. Many projects and crafts created by the children are posted throughout the center. The center has an excellent supply of books. The licensing documentation binder was found to be organized.

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

STAFF FILES:
109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed Iowa record check was due to be completed May 2024. The center director provided evidence it has been completed subsequent this visit.

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.
1. _2_ staff files reviewed did not have evidence that the national record check has been completed.

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.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed physical was due 12/2022.

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.
1. _1_ staff file reviewed did not have evidence of any training hours completed since 7/2023.

109.12(4) Infant environment. a. An area shall be provided that is properly and safely equipped for the use of infants and free from the intrusion of children two years of age and older.
1. The center is combining children who are not yet 18 months old with two year old children. Infants may not be combined with two year old children until they are at least 18 months old and only if it is developmentally appropriate.

109.10(3): Medications.
1. Emergency medication present without current parent authorization form completed.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
1. Through closet exit pathway is blocked on both sides between the school age and ball rooms.
2. Various items accessible under sink cabinet in the threes room that are labeled to keep out of reach.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance.

1. Ensure current activity plans are posted for all rooms and that they are dated.
2. Schedule needs to be posted for the two year old room.
3. Spray bottles throughout the center and kitchen need to be properly labeled for their contents and location of use. Ensure bleach is being properly measured using a properly labeled measuring device for the mixture per the manufacturer's instructions. Diaper station/bathroom spray bottles shall be labeled for and used in those locations only.
4. Move phone posting to the phone location in the ball room and in the nursery.
5. Emergency plan posting is missing from the back exit door in the nursery.
6. Ensure all food items in kitchen and throughout the center are stored in a sealed container or ziploc and dated for freshness.

The center will continue with a full license, however, immediate attention is needed in the area of staff and child file compliance. This has been an ongoing concern discussed with the center director but with not much improvement. The center is being referred to work with the CCRR consultant for file compliance. The center shall submit a corrective action plan within 30 days of the receipt of this report including evidence that a full audit of staff and child files has been completed and a specific plan for brining all into compliance. Ensure the specific date each staff person started at the center is indicated. The file audits shall establish a tracking system that will be utilized to help ensure compliance can be maintained moving forward.

*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.