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

**Name of Center:** Kids & Company-Edison **Enrollment:** 70 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 7212

**Street:** 2218 Third Ave **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:** 712-256-8494

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

**Date(s) of Visit:** 11-06-2023

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

**Date Inspected:** 08-18-2021

**Comments :** A plan of correction was requested for 3 items needing correction.

**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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | 10 | 85 | 95 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

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

**Licensing Consultant:** Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-07-2023

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

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

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Edison Kids & Company on 10-24-2022. The program is located upstairs in the gym/cafeteria. Before and after school child care services are provided Monday through Friday 6:15 am to 6:00 pm for children preschool age to fifth grade. Full day child care services are offered for in service days, school breaks and during the summer. Becky Thornburg continues to be the on-site supervisor, she will have her fourteen year work anniversary in January 2024. There are 70 children enrolled. I met with Becky during my visit.

Observation of room:
The gym/cafeteria is a nice large open room. There is plenty of room for a variety of activities. The program was in ratio, three staff were present with the children. The children were having fun playing in a variety of activity centers. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were attentive to the needs of the children. The center has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. Daily hands on educational activities are provided to the children - some activities are art, crafts, reading, group games and science. The center needs the lesson plans/activities for the week. A monthly newsletter is provided to the parents.
Becky gets the center/children involved in community service projects.
Kids & Company began using the child care app Brightwheel in 2023.

Nutrition:
Nutrition services through the school provides the daily snack. The center participates in the federal food program. Breakfast can be purchased through the school for an additional fee. Menus for the month of November had not been given to the program yet.

Health and safety:
The center follows the medication management procedures when children are prescribed medication. The medication log is used. The first aid kit was properly stocked.
Please follow the bleach/water mixing instructions on the specific bottle of bleach the program is using. The bleach/water wasn't being mixed
according to the directions on the specific bottle of bleach. You were mixing 1 Tbsp bleach to 1 quart water. Make sure you are using the three step bottle procedure 1. soap/water bottle for cleaning 2. Water bottle for rinsing and 3. Bleach/water for sanitizing.
Radon testing was completed in February 2022 with a test score of 1.0 pCi/L.
The annual fuel burning inspection/boiler inspection will expire in June 2024.
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.

Playground:
The program uses the school playground. Monthly playground inspections were practiced and documented.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. When field trips are taken a school bus is hired.

Administrative records:
Children's files were read, the immunizations need to be on the Iowa form. Make sure you have all of the information needed for preschool age files i.e. current physical and immunizations.
Staff files were reviewed on a previous date at the administrative office. Review all staff files and make sure they have all of the DHHS requirements.

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

Becky is confident as the director, she is very creative, enthusiastic and proud of her program. Becky makes learning fun for the children. She does an amazing job finding fun toys and supplies for the program. Becky will have her fourteen year work anniversary in January 2024.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. 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.
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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.
The center needs the lesson plans/activities for the week. Make sure you have current lesson plans/activities each week.

109.9(3) Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Children's files were read, the immunizations need to be on the Iowa form. Make sure you have all of the information needed for preschool age files i.e. current physical and immunizations.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for Edison Kids & Company for 1-1-2023 to 1-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 11-6-2023.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (712)328-4877; or kdegeor@dhs.state.ia.us so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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