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

Name of Center: Kids Corral Inc **Enrollment:** 59 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39488

Street: 1509 E Washington ST STE 3 **City:** Washington Iowa **Zip** 52353 **County:** Washington

Mailing Address: 1509 E Washington ST STE 3, Washington, IA, 52353

Director's Name: Desirae Hesseltine **Phone Number:** 319-591-8028

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kylie Leeman **E-Mail:** kidscorral8028@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-18-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 06-02-2020

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

Date Inspected: 06-26-2020

Comments : conducted by Mark Chenoweth Washington Fire Department, due every 3 years

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 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	24	12	24		60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2022 to 07-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jill Seibert **Date:** 04-24-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Kids Corral Inc. is a center established in 2012 located on the edge of downtown Washington in a commercial district. The building is one story and is a sole occupancy on a busy thoroughfare. The center provides year round full day child care to infant through preschool age children. The center is owned and operated by Kids Corral, Inc., a not for profit corporation owned by Jamie Sobaski. The director is Desirae Hesseltine. She has been the Director since 2021. Ms. Hesseltine also directs Kids Corral BASP on the other side of Washington.

The onsite supervisor is Cassandra Ward. The Director is present at the center for the majority of program hours.

I made an unannounced licensing visit on 4/18/23. All program areas were observed at that time. I met with director Hesselting, and other staff members. Staff were actively providing care to the children during the visit. All program areas were observed. The visit consisted of classroom and building area review and observations of activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The center consists of an open preschool age classroom, an enclosed infant area, an area for 1s that have transitioned to cots, an adjoined area for preschool age children and a space for twos. The center also has a separate kitchen and director's office. The center is clean, bright, attractive and equipped with a satisfactory variety of new child sized furniture, equipment, toys, games, and activities for the children.

The infant area is self-contained with its own phone, infant meal preparation facilities, and direct exit to the outdoors. The area is carpeted for infant floor play. Cribs, diaper changing area, other equipment, and toys for infant stimulation and development are present.

The three year old area is separated from the rest of the center by a door to an adjoining building. The area is equipped with toys and activities specific to preschool age development and play. It is open and self-contained with its own phone, and restrooms. The classroom is equipped with child sized tables and chairs and a satisfactory variety of toys, games, and activities for the children. The curriculum is theme based and developed by the teachers. It is described as about 60% teacher directed and 40% child selected. Interest centers available to the children include: blocks, children's literature, dramatic play, toys and games, puzzles and small manipulatives, music and movement, art, sensory table, writing table, and computer area.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed:

Meals are served family style in the classrooms and posted menus indicate that minimum nutritional requirements are met. The kitchen contains new equipment, sufficient storage for center food, and sufficient dish washing capacity to accommodate a center of this size. The center participates in CACFP. Menus are posted and meet guidelines. Food storage was adequate. No outdated food items were present and no food was stored on the floor.

Center Health and Safety:

The center administers prescription and non-prescription medication in accordance with licensing regulations, physician directions, and parental consent. The center is in compliance with regulations regarding staff and child hand washing, storage and maintenance of a first aid kit, emergency plans and drills for fire and tornado, environmental testing and the maintenance of any necessary detection equipment, and general regulations regarding safety and sanitation policies and procedures. Tornado and fire drills are conducted monthly and documented. Two months of drills were missed.

Ratio was met. We discussed positioning of staff so that staff can see all children under their care at all times. Capacity is followed for each room.

Center Playground:

The center has a fenced and naturally shaded outdoor play area immediately behind the center. The area currently features a commercial climbing structure and rubber chip surfacing of adequate depth. The Childcare Outdoor Weather Watch is consulted when outdoor play is questionable due to varying weather conditions. Playground inspections are conducted monthly. Each child has at least 75 square feet of space when outdoors. This year caps were put on the fence bolts for safety measures. A first aid kit should be taken outdoors each time the children go outside, along with any emergency medication.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips:

The center owns 2 vans, and provides transportation. The van has an updated vehicle inspection, working safety devices, emergency contacts and a first aid kit. Field trip and transportation ratios are followed. Vans were both taken in August.

Community volunteers come to the program and give presentations.

Center Administrative Records:

The Director has been working with each room on curriculum, schedules and daily routines. She may access CCR&R to assist with any issues of this nature. She is already accessing ISU (Jacki McCracken) for PBIS services.

Child misbehavior is addressed by redirection, and positive reinforcement of appropriate behavior. The center is in compliance with regulations regarding required notices and postings and required written policies provided to parents in the form of a parent handbook.

Staff and child records are mostly complete and well organized. They are reviewed annually. One staff is behind on CPR/1st Aid (due every 2 years). One staff is behind on Mandatory Reporter training (due every 3 years). This is not a pattern of disregard so will not be a violation. Sing checks due every 2 years, Fingerprints, due prior to starting and every 4 years, Universal Precautions, due annually and professional development due annually were all up to date. All staff have approved physicals upon hire and every 3 years.

The center has a specific Emergency Preparedness plan for this building. It is reviewed annually with staff and they sign and date acknowledgement of such. It has not been conducted yet this past year but the Director agreed to do so.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The Center Director is willing to work with resources.

PBIS coaches, CCR&R and CCNC visit frequently.

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

1. 109.10(15)c: Center shall develop procedures for annual staff and volunteer training on emergency plans. The Director agreed to train staff on the EPP and have them sign and date acknowledgement of such.

2. 109.10(16)a: The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision. Staff should be positioned where they can supervise all children continuously. This has been discussed numerous times in the preschool age room. The day of the visits many children were out of the sight of staff. Children have been injured in this room in the past due to poor supervision. The Director will have CCR&R or PBIS visit this room and make recommendations on schedules, routines, curriculum, splitting up children throughout the day, staff and child positioning, interest center, etc..

3. 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. Mulch must be replenished under climbing equipment. Some areas of the center need a better cleaning schedule. Bolt covers have already been purchased and are being placed in the outdoor play area so that screws on the fence or not potential impalement hazards.

4. 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. A fuel burning appliances inspection is due annually.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

DHS encourages you to contact your local nurse consultant. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Toni Krana is the Child Care Nurse Consultant for the program.

DHS encourages you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website for more information: http://www.iowaccrr.org/who_we_are/region_5/ Tabitha Copeland is the child care consultant for this program.

*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.