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

Name of Center: KidsPoint C Street **Enrollment:** 145 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24556

Street: 5830 C St Sw **City:** Cedar Rapids Iowa **Zip** 52404 **County:** Linn

Mailing Address: 318 5th St SE, Cedar Rapids , IA, 52401

Director's Name: Ginny Stroschein **Phone Number:** 319-841-4055

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ginny Stroschein **E-Mail:** gstroschein@waypointservices.org

Date(s) of Visit: 06-27-2024

X **Licensing Visit** X **Unannounced Visit** **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: 10-25-2023

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	50	21	82	71	224
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2024 to 06-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons **Date:** 07-22-2024

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

Not applicable

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

KidsPoint C Street was built and commenced operations in 2008. KidsPoint C Street is located inside a building owned and maintained by Transamerica. This program operates year-round Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 6:00pm. The program serves children age infant through school-age. Current enrollment is 145.

Executive director of all KidsPoint childcare is Ashley Meyer. Ms. Meyer has a bachelor degree in elementary education, several years of teaching experience, and several years director experience. Ms. Meyer is a member of NAEYC and a member of Family Connections. The site specific director of KidsPoint C Street is Ginny Stroschein. Ms. Stroschein has a BA degree, several years experience working with children and continues to participate in much child development related training.

On 6/27/2024, program space was observed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

KidsPoint operates the following two licensed programs in Linn County: KidsPoint Downtown Learning Center & Preschool (KPDLCP) and KidsPoint C Street. KidsPoint offer a variety of early learning programming and childcare options to help meet the needs of children and families in the community. Both programs are located in predominantly urban areas and accept a variety of funding sources. During 2024, KidsPoint C Street will be celebrating their 16th year of operations.

KidsPoint has the following website for the community and enrolled families to learn more about their programs: http://www.kidspointchildcare.org/.

KidsPoint C Street has a history of participation in quality initiatives including local and state quality initiatives as well as CACFP.

In September 2009, KidsPoint C Street received the Gold Award from the US Green Building Council (USGBC). The Gold Award is for being a "green center" and receiving Leadership in Energy Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

According to the family and employee handbook, the philosophy of KidsPoint is to provide "…a high quality, nurturing environment where children are encouraged to reach their fullest potential in all areas of development." The history of how KidsPoint came to fruition in 1894 and evolved to present day (e.g. current downtown location move 1911, downtown building addition in 1962 for childcare, 2001 name change, survival of the 2008 flood, establishing the C St location 2008, 2016 re-branding, and so on) is impressive!

KidsPoint owner, board, executive childcare director and site specific director have remained consistent. The management team (e.g. owners, Ms. Meyer, Ms. Stroschein) has resources to help with organization of administrative items (e.g. files, environmental inspections). The management team is knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as their own program's policies and procedures.

Since the last monitoring visit, KidsPoint C Street has retained seasoned staff as well as hired some new employees. Staff reported celebrating 25 years, 18 years, 15 years, 8 years, and 1 year employment with KidsPoint. There is a display in the entryway noting staff's years of service. Ms. Stroschein reported staff appreciation and opportunities for professional growth continue to be part of the program's successful operations.

KidsPoint has emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. The program has successfully navigated through the 2008 Linn County Flood, 2019 winter Polar Vortex, 2019 health (covid-19) pandemic, a 2020 water line repair incident, 8/10/20 Derecho Storm, 2021 food supply issues, 2022 infant formula shortages, 2023 air quality alerts and 7/19/24 global technology outage.

Building and grounds are maintained. KidsPoint partners well with Transamercia to help ensure property is sanitary and hazard free each day. Classrooms continue to be arranged in a thoughtful manner with learning at the forefront. Children's accomplishments are displayed (e.g. artwork) in various areas. Curriculum includes Creative Curriculum, teacher inspired ideas, STEAM programming, social emotional leaning, on-site guest speaker events, school-age programming, and off-site field trip experiences. Additional enrichment opportunities (e.g. Little Sports Torts, Daytime Dancers) are also available on-site for those choosing to participate. Summer 2024 activities include fishing experiences, swimming at a local pool, pinewood derby races, scavenger hunt, make-your-own-pizza, and water day.

KidsPoint C Street continues efforts at optimal communication between the program/staff and families. The program has organized parent-staff/program information centers, offers regular program newsletters, utilizes technological communication resources, and supports family programming activities. Family activities include program/parent conferences.

Each child is engaged in a daily health check upon arrival for early detection of apparent illness, communicable disease, or unusual condition or behavior which may adversely affect the child or the group. The program has supplies on-site for cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing.

On the day of the monitoring visit, staff were nurturing and attentive to the children's needs. Areas of study included vacation, bugs, insects, community helpers, and space. Children have access to an array of materials (e.g. books, imaginative play options, building materials, crafts) that encourage innovative play. Activities observed (e.g. infant cares, group circle discussion, self-selected play, outdoor large gross motor) were many. Staff provided a companionable presence allowing children to have many choices in their play experiences. Routine transitions (e.g. clean up activities, breakfast/food service rituals) worked smoothly into the program's welcoming and cooperative play environment. Throughout the classrooms, staff were overheard providing children with many words of encouragement. Children responded well to staff and appeared to be truly enjoying their day.

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

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.
- Four staff files reviewed (TP, CF, MM, KH) lacked documentation of current results of Iowa/SING record check.

109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
- One staff file reviewed (KH) lacked documentation of current results of a federal fingerprint record check.

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.
- Two staff files reviewed (HH, CF) lacked documentation of a current physical exam with TB screening on required form 470-5152.

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.
- Two staff files reviewed (TP, KH) lacked documentation of current first-aid training.
- Two staff files reviewed (TP, KH) lacked documentation of current CPR training.
- On staff file reviewed (TP) lacked documentation of current UP training.
- One staff file reviewed (TP) lacked documentation of current MCART.
- One staff file reviewed (KH) lacked documentation of Essentials/Pre-Service.

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
- Four child files reviewed (AO, HK, OB, CS) lacked documentation of an annual review.

- One child file reviewed (AW) lacked documentation of current IDPH certificate of immunization or IDPH certificate of immunization waiver.

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.
- Repair/replace the red room refrigerator light.
- Secure the orange room lower cabinets
- Food menu substitutions are being served and not being noted as required on the menu for parents.
- Cluttered classroom countertops were observed in several classrooms. Remedy to help prevent a topple hazard.
- Purple room has expired child rescue medication.
- A bird's nest on the outdoor playground has a pile of bird droppings on the sidewalk below. Remedy.
- Hand sanitizer and chemicals (e.g. cleaners, sanitizers, disinfectants) shall be inaccessible to children (e.g. school-age).

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It shall be noted that during this monitoring visit, medication storage (e.g. rescue medication, daily medication, consistent storage in all rooms) and allergy considerations were observed to be poor throughout the center. Those concerns were found valid in a separate report (not noted again here) and a referral for technical assistance was made to the local nurse consultant.

A referral for technical assistance has been made to Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R).

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A full license is issued. Thank you for the visit.

*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.