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

Name of Center: Altoona Campus Kids Klub-Altoona Elem **Enrollment:** 28 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 17851

Street: 301 6th ST SW **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1500 8th ST SW, Altoona, IA, 50009

Director's Name: Ashley Hejlik **Phone Number:** 515-402-1200

On-Site Supervisor(s): Debbie Struble **E-Mail:** Ahejlik@altoonacampus.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-15-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-01-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-17-2023

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years 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				100	100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-17-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Altoona Campus Kids Klub -Altoona has been in operation since 1992. This program provides before and after school child care for children who attend Altoona Elementary during the school year. The school has secured entrances. The center uses the school's old gym area for programming space. Ashley Hejlik is the director of all the Altoona Campus Kids Klub sites. Ashley has been with Altoona Campus since 2008. She has been the director since October 2017. Ashley served as the Program Coordinator prior to becoming director. Debbie Struble is the on site supervisor. She began in this role in August 2021.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing standards were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place outside the program area. The center's schedule and a current lesson plan "Animals" was posted. The snack menu was posted. Children's belongings are kept in individual baskets.

Debbie was present and she assisted with the visit. There were three additional staff working today. Twenty six children were present at the time of the visit. The gym has a stage area and this is also used for programming space. Interest areas and table activities are set up daily. Children were observed outdoors on the playground area today.

The center provides after school snack. The menu was reviewed and snacks served are compliant with CACFP guidelines. Food storage is sufficient.

The center uses the school's playground. School staff maintain the playground. There is black top, rubber tile and pea gravel for playground surfacing. There is grass areas for play also. The center completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation during the school year. The center uses school busing for off site trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Debbie Struble has been with Kid Klub since 2017. Children are able to play large motor play activities on a daily basis through the use of the gym and playground. The center has a nice amount of play and learning materials for children's use.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

The center had to switch program apps so Ashley Hejlik has had to make changes a few times to their enrollment paperwork to ensure all HHS required information is included.

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