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

Name of Center: Kiddie Konnection Inc **Enrollment:** 49 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 24257

Street: 2707 Muscatine Ave **City:** Iowa City Iowa **Zip** 52240 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 2707 Muscatine Ave, Iowa City, IA, 52240

Director's Name: Debbie Brandt **Phone Number:** 319-354-6454

On-Site Supervisor(s): Abigail Shellady **E-Mail:** kkmydebbie@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-07-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-01-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-25-2023

Comments : Does Comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit 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	12	17	50	0	79
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 11-13-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Kiddie Konnection Inc. 11/7/2023. The center provides care for infants to preschool aged children. The center is open from 7:00am to 5:30pm. The center has 49 children enrolled. The center is inside of a commercial building. They utilize four classrooms, a dining room, kitchen, and an office. The center's fire inspection was completed on 9/25/2023.

The director is Debbie Brandt. Debbie opened the center in July of 1989. She has an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education.

The onsite supervisor is Abbie Shellady. Abbie had a Bachelor's Degree in Communication and a Minor in Human Resources. Abbie has worked at the center since 2015.

This worker observed all programming space and reviewed the curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times.

The center does not offer field trips.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center director opened the program in 1989. The onsite supervisor has been with the program since 2015.
-The center is clean, nicely decorated and welcoming to those who enter.
-The center accepts child care assistance.
-The center's website can be found at: https://www.kiddiekonnection.com/
-The center has added a new climbing structure, musical wall, and teeter totter to their outdoor play area.
-The center received 100% on their immunization audit.
-The center uses HiMama for open parent communication.

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.

-Electrical cords are accessible to children in several classrooms. The center director needs to purchase and install cord concealers to ensure children do not have access.
-Ensure that the fish stand in preschool room is secured to prevent tipping

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.