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

**Name of Center:** Safe Care Kids Center LLC **Enrollment:** 5 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50153

**Street:** 128 S Barclay ST **City:** Waterloo Iowa **Zip** 50703 **County:** Black Hawk

**Mailing Address:** 118 S Barclay ST, Waterloo, IA, 50703

**Director's Name:** Kimberly Kemp **Phone Number:** 319-233-0889

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** Kalaziah Bruce **E-Mail:** safecarelearningcenter@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 09-22-2023

**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:** 10-06-2023

**Comments :**

**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:** 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 |
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| General | 0 | 0 | 16 | 33 | 49 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Becky Frost **Date:** 10-06-2023

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

N/A

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

On 09/22/23 I made an unannounced off year licensing visit to Safe Care Kids Center in Waterloo. I met with Kimberly Kemp, the owner and director of the program. Ms. Kemp has an AAS in business administration and management. She previously owned a non-registered childcare home for one year and a registered childcare home for seven years. I also met with Kalaziah Bruce, the on-site supervisor. The program shares staff members with Ms. Kemp's other childcare center, Safe Care Learning Center.

Safe Care Kids Center was given permission to open on 07/13/18. It operates Monday through Friday from 5:00 am until 8:00 pm. The program provides care for school-aged children. There are currently five children enrolled. The facility has the capacity to care for 49 children. While the center can stay open until 8:00 pm, the children typically move to the Safe Care Learning Center facility at 5:30 pm.

Ms. Kemp also owns Safe Care Leaning Center, LLC in Waterloo. Safe Care Kids Center is in a free-standing building that was once a part of the Quakerdale residential treatment program. The two programs are located directly next to one another.

The program is using the two connected rec room areas for childcare. This provides the children with two open spaces to interact. There is a shelving piece that divides the room and blocks the view from one room to the other. A staff member will have to be present in each room when both areas are in use. In addition to the rec rooms there are several small rooms in the facility. These rooms are currently not being used, but the plan is to have them ready for use in the future. Each room will be assigned a center. There will be a room for science/STEM, library, music, creative arts and dramatic play. When you begin using these rooms, each room must have a staff member present for supervision. An inspection of each room was completed. Windows provide natural lighting in the rooms.

The centers observed on the day of the licensing visit include library, table toys, games, puzzles, art and music. Centers were arranged in a manner that allowed easy movement between activities.

There are three bathrooms located on the back side of the building. The staff bathroom has one toilet and one sink. The other two bathrooms have two toilets and two sinks. Handwashing procedures were posted in all three locations. A staff member must accompany children to the back side of the building and supervise children walking into and out of the bathrooms. This may require you to have an additional staff member on site.

During the school year the program is only used for before and after school care, so a lesson plan is not mandated. The children do homework, read and engage in free play while at the program. They are only at this site for 2-3 hours each day after school. During the summer months a lesson plan will be required. The program uses Scholars Achieving Future Entrepreneurship, a Safe Way Curriculum.

There is a phone in the kitchen and office. Please post emergency phone numbers with the program's address and phone number near the phones. The posting must also include the poison control number and other emergency numbers. This was cited in last year's report also. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted near almost all

the main program doors and outdoor exits in the facility that are being used. Please post the diagram near the exit to the outside in the east side of the room. This was cited in last year's report also. Make sure you post them in all the smaller rooms once you begin to use them. A daily schedule was posted.

The program is not on the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) but follow the guidelines. Ms. Kemp is still working toward being on the food program. During the school year, this site only serves an afternoon snack. The children eat breakfast at Safe Care Learning Center in the morning before school and dinner there in the evening. During the summer months the program serves breakfast, lunch, a morning and afternoon snack. The children who stay for evening care also offered dinner and an evening snack. A menu was posted. There is a kitchen in the facility, but meals are made at Safe Care Learning Center and brought over to this site. There was a thermometer in the refrigerated portion of the refrigerator but you need to also have one in the freezer. This was cited in last year's report also. The freezer also needs to be cleaned. The program washes the dishes using the three-step method because the dishwasher does not work.

There are currently some changes to the program because they are painting the entire building. This is almost complete. The children are currently only using the space during the morning hours until the painting is completed. Breakfast is brought over to the center from the other program. They will go back to their schedule once painting is done.

Member's Mark Sanitizer is used to sanitize the food tables. The table are being cleaned with soap and water prior to sanitizing.

Cots are used to nap.

I reviewed documentation of monthly fire and tornado drills. The program only uses a grassy area and has no equipment so monthly playground inspections are not necessary. They also have use of the Quakerdale gym on occasion.

A radon test was completed in September 2023. Results were within EPA guidelines. The annual fuel burning inspection was completed and no concerns were noted. A carbon monoxide detector was on site in the kitchen the day of my visit but was not plugged in because it needed a battery. This was corrected prior to me leaving. The fire marshal inspection occurred on 10/06/23.

The parent information is located on a bulletin board inside the entrance. The mandatory reporter, childcare consultant and the handbook availability were posted. The license was conspicuously hung.

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

The program has painted the entire center and it is almost complete. When painting is done, each room will be assigned a center. There will be a room for science/STEM, library, music, creative arts and dramatic play.

Ms. Kemp states she is registered to attend the NAC training in October.

Ms. Kemp states they are using the Brightwheel app through the Shared Services project. Ms. Kemp states the consultation provided has been amazing. They have introduced partnerships to First Children's Finance for financial assistance. She has also been connected with the After School Alliance. She states the resources have been helpful.

Ms. Kemp states parents are using the app to sign children in and out of the program and she uses it for billing. They use the app to communicate with families and among the staff members themselves.

Ms. Kemp states they are putting their curriculum on Brightwheel.

The program can use the Quakerdale gym until 3:30 pm and after 7:00 pm.

The program has a secured entrance.

They offer flexibility to the families. They offer non-traditional hours for families who work second and third shift.

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

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.
Please post emergency phone numbers with the program's address and phone number near the phones. The posting must

also include the poison control number and other emergency numbers. This was cited in last year's report also. Emergency fire and tornado procedures and evacuation diagrams were posted near almost all the main program doors and outdoor exits in the facility that are being used. Please post the diagram near the exit to the outside in the east side of the room. This was cited in last year's report also.

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is issued for the remainder of the licensing period. All DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

There was a delay in getting the report completed because I was waiting on the fire marshal inspection.

*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.