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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kirkwood Kares Inc BASP

Provider No.: 24259

Address: 1401 9th ST, Coralville, IA, 52241

County: Johnson

Director's Name: Abbie Knight

On-Site Supervisor: Irma Torres

Phone Number: 3193317888

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HHS Visit Date: 06/25/2026

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/14/2025

Comments: Does Comply.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	7:00 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [ ] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			20	70	90
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

This worker arrived at Kirkwood Kares Inc BASP - 24259 on 6/25/2026 for the center's annual visit. The center is located inside of Kirkwood Elementary School. They utilize three spaces including the lunchroom, gym and preschool classroom. The center's fire inspection was completed on 7/14/2025. The center is open year around Monday-Friday. The center is open from 7am to 5:30pm. The center provides care for preschool to school aged children. The center's current enrollment is 53 children.

The director is Abbie Knight. Abbie started in 2005. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Linguistics with an Emphasis in TESL.

The onsite supervisor is Irma Torres. She has worked at the center since 2008. Irma has a Bachelor's Degree.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center staff provided careful supervision during the visit. The center was in ratio during the visit.

The center ensures that medication is stored and documented appropriately, handwashing procedures are followed, staff know how to use the cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting products and diaper changing procedures were followed.

The center provides snack during the school year. The school district provides breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted.

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The center's curriculum is teacher created. They do take field trips. Examples include bowling, movies, Fun City, Lost Island, and swimming.

All required postings were displayed on the date visit. Child files were in full compliance. Staff files were in full compliance. The licensing notebook was in full compliance including floor plans, drills, first aid checklist, playground inspections, fuel burning inspection, radon testing, staff handbook/parent handbook and emergency preparedness.

The center provides afternoon snack. The center ensures that each child is served a full, nutritionally balanced meal/snack as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff provided careful supervision at the table during snacks and meals. Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage were followed. Menus were posted

The center's curriculum is teacher created. The center provides transportation for field trips. Field trips example includes swimming, Fun Station, movies, bowling, Lost Island, Fun City and Adventureland.

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2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

-The director has been with the center since 2005.
-The center has a lot of experienced and educated staff that are able to get thru many challenging issues.
-The center provides an equitable program that allows the children to experience fun and new things.
-The center has three bilingual staff.
-The center has a reputation for accepting all children.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has shared concerns about the playground with the Iowa City School district. The following concerns need to be remedied by them:
1. The playground needs additional fall surfacing.
2. The playground needs the main climbing structure to be repainted. It is chipping.

This worker encourages the school district to review the Public Playground Safety Handbook: https://www.cpsc.gov/Playground-Handbook

Based upon the annual visit, it is recommended that this center remain in full licensing status. If citations are issued please ensure that they are corrected as soon as possible. It is important that the director and all staff review the updated Iowa Code 109 Iowa Administrative Code and Comm. 204: Comm. 204, Child Care Centers and Preschools Licensing Standards and Procedures

This worker encourages all centers to work with Child Care Resource and Referral Consultant Child Care Resource & Referral - Iowa CCR&R and their Child Care Nurse Consultant Healthy Child Care Iowa | Health & Human Services. Care Resource & Referral Consultants assists centers through training/professional development, licensing/regulatory support, developing policies/procedures and achieving best practice standards (Iowa Quality for Kids (IQ4K®). Child Care Nurse Consultants assists centers through on-site consultation, training, technical assistance, information and referrals and care

planning for children with special health needs

Date: 07/06/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.