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

Name of Center: Kids Korner **Enrollment:** 43 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25885

Street: 1106 Linden St **City:** Dallas Center Iowa **Zip** 50063 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: PO Box 165, Dallas Center, IA, 50063

Director's Name: Carie Burgher **Phone Number:** 515-993-1190

On-Site Supervisor(s): Cherish Freestone and Misty Collinson **E-Mail:** dallascenter@kidskornertwo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 03-14-2023

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:** 02-24-2023

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

Date Inspected: 06-12-2020

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years. The center will be due for another inspection in the summer of 2023.

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 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	17	18	85	0	120
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2023 to 04-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-14-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 3/14/23. The director was present for a majority of this visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Kids Korner is a child care center serving children ages six weeks in age to roughly five years in age. The center opened in 1998. The center is owned by Lezlie Ellerman. Lezlie also owns Kids Korner II in Adel and Kids Campuses in Stuart, IA and Dallas Center, IA. The director of this center is Carie Burgher. Carie has worked at this center for a number of years and meets the qualifications for director. The on-site supervisors are Cherish Freestone and Misty Collinson. Both individuals meet the qualifications for on-site supervisor. The center serves children using the Creative Learning Curriculum. There are currently four classroom being used.

During the visit, all children were observed eating lunch at the child-size tables and chairs. Children stated they washed their hands before sitting down to eat. Staff were sitting with or near children while they ate.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

There are many tenured staff and a few newer staff that were recently hired. The director stated she has been around for many years because she enjoys working with children as do her staff. The director stated her position allows her to grow professionally every year.

The center has their own website. The also uses the Seesaw electronic application to communicate with parents and among each other.

There is a secure entrance into the center. Families have a code they enter. All other visitors have to ring a doorbell and be let in by staff.

The owner of this center also owns Kids Korner II in Adel and she also oversees Kids Campuses in Stuart, IA and Dallas Center, IA.

Enrollment has increased slightly over the past year.

There is a Universal Preschool component at the center through the school district. The center has a good working relationship with the school district as well as other businesses in the community.

The director is organized.

Within the past year, several renovations have taken place such as new kitchen cabinets, a new commercial dishwasher, new carpet, and new doors.

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

237A.7: Information regarding a child in a child care center or their relative is confidential. If this information is released by visual, verbal or written means, written consent from the parent or guardian is in the file or a court order allowing the release of the information.
For medication/allergy information, parents should sign a release for this information to be posted. If not, it should be posted on the inside of cupboards.

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number missing: 0
Number invalid: 2 immunizations needed to be signed, dated, or both.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was completed 1/30/23 - 2/2/23. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff in all classrooms. Radon testing can now be done every five years because of levels being below 4.0.

The annual furnace inspection was last completed 11/28/22.

As previously noted, the center only goes on walking field trips to the surrounding areas.

A handwashing sign is still needed in the second restroom of the newest addition classroom.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

Cot handles should be sanitized daily.

Staff can document using just Playground if they would like rather than documenting on Playground and paper medication forms.

It is still recommended that another foot or two of rubber tile be placed on one side of the climbing structure on the younger child playground to ensure six foot fall zones are being met.

A new ,full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.