Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Carroll Area CCC & PS KC Site

Provider No.: 31796

Address: 108 W 6th Street, Carroll, IA, 51401

County: Carroll

Director's Name: Keely Fara

On-Site Supervisor: Jessica Mowrey

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HHS Visit Date: 06/12/2026

Licensing Period: 07/01/2025 to 07/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 07/19/2023

Comments: Fire inspections are due every three years. Please get me a new fire inspection by 7/19/26.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] 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	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	10	35	45
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Carroll Area CCC & PS KC Site on 6/12/26. This center is located in the Renew Church building. There are other businesses in the Renew Church building. The center is located next door to Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool. Keely Fara is the director of both sites. Keely has a bachelor's degree in Child, Adult, and Family Services. She has been working with children since 2011. Jessica Mowrey is the on-site supervisor. She is working on getting her associates degree in Early Childhood Education. The program provides care to preschool age children and school-age children ages five to 10 years old year-round. I met with Keely during my visit. Jessica was actively teaching the children during my visit. Child care programming is provided before school, after school, no school days, holiday breaks, and summer break. There are 35 children enrolled.

Observation of room:
The program has one very nice large room with a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. During the summer the center has a very busy schedule keeping the children very active. They have a weekly activity calendar. During the summer, they walk to the pool, park, and library. They also have a themed day on Fridays. They walk to the free summer lunch program at Kuemper School each day. It was fort day on the day I was present so all the children bought sheets, blankets, and pillows to build their forts. The children were having fun during the time when Jessica was reading them a book in circle time and the time I observed them build their forts. Keely said they start the morning with breakfast and free play in the centers. They have a large group reading activity. They then have morning meetings with Jess in which they talk about their plans for the day. Jessica had excellent interactions with the children. The center uses a combination of the Creative Learning Curriculum and their own curriculum that is child interest based. This center is under the same board as the Carroll Area Child Care Center. A weekly and/or monthly newsletter is sent home to parents.

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Nutrition:
The Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool located next door provides the meals for the program. During the summer the program participates in the free lunch program located at Kuemper School. Menus are posted. Proper food storage was observed. If children bring their lunch, make sure you store them in the refrigerator for proper refrigeration/temperature.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire and tornado drills are practiced and documented. Radon testing was done in May 2023 with test results in the acceptable range. Radon testing is due every five years if the results are below 4.0 pCi/L. The center has all electrical appliances. Jessica has taken the medication management training. The center has a secure entrance. There are also security cameras in the classroom, hallways, and playground areas.

Playground:
The center uses the playground at Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool. The center has a nice, fenced playground area. It is divided into two separate areas depending on the ages of the children. The older playground is for three years and up. It has climbing structures, slides, a sandbox, balls, and tunnels. Rubber tiles are used for fall surfacing. They have trees for shade. Monthly playground safety inspections are completed and documented. The center has done fundraising and received grants for the playground.

Transportation:
The program doesn't offer daily transportation services. The center takes many walking field trips during the summer. A few field trips require a hired bus from the Carroll School District. Carroll Public Schools transports children both to and from school to both the public and catholic schools.

Administrative records:
Jessica Mowery and Keely Fara's staff files were reviewed and were in excellent order. Five children's files were read and were in excellent order. The center participates in IQ4K level 2. Quarterly staff meetings are held throughout the year. Weekly notes are also sent to staff to summarize weekly events. The director has quarterly meetings with other directors in the area. The Board is highly involved in the center's operations. Several staff are participating in TEACH and WAGE$ programs. The center uses the Playground App for children to be checked in and out, and for communication with parents.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Keely and Jessica are very enthusiastic and proud of the center. They are very organized. The center is an excellent resource for the community. The center has received grants for equipment and supplies. Jessica had excellent interactions with the children. Keely identified staff experience as a strength. There is excellent staff longevity. Jessica individualizes programs for each child. She wants each child to be successful. They always have extra staff. Jessica has control of the Kids Club. The kids are very respectful towards Jessica.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

A full license is recommended for 7/1/25 to 7/1/27.

Targeted Assessment Behavior Management
I discussed with Keely her oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1. Understand expectations, 2. Managing frustrations, 3. Monitor performance. There are cameras in every room. They try to be proactive and preventative rather than reactive. Staff communicate with each other very well. Teachers can ask for breaks as needed. Some staff have PBIS training. Staff with longevity model how to handle behaviors.

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Date: 06/18/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

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