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

Name of Center: Tama County Daycare dba Kids Corner **Enrollment:** 50 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 17933

Street: 403 W Commercial ST **City:** Toledo Iowa **Zip** 52342 **County:** Tama

Mailing Address: 403 W Commercial ST, Toledo, IA, 52342

Director's Name: Courtney Ingle **Phone Number:** 641-484-5333

On-Site Supervisor(s): Maria Aguilera **E-Mail:** courtney@kidscorneronline.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-23-2024, 06-25-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-10-2021

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

Date Inspected: 08-15-2022

Comments : Fire marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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

Financial Type: Profit X 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	24	18	60	30	132
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 07-01-2023 to 07-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV **Date:** 10-10-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced visit was conducted 6/25/24; and another unannounced off year visit was completed 9/23/24. The director was on medical leave and the on site supervisor assisted; The director was present for the visit on 9/23/24.

Tama County Daycare dba Kids Corner has been in operation for several years. The center has sole-occupation of the building.. The center serves children ages infancy through school age with a current enrollment at about 50. The center is open Monday through Friday 6:00 AM to 5:30 PM. The center has a Board of Directors; with the current center director being Courtney Ingle took the position April 17, 2023. Courtney has prior in-home daycare experience, working in pre-school daycare, child support specialist and student teaching experience in the past. She meets the criteria of a director. Lisa Sieck has assumed an interim director role while the director was on leave.

All areas of the program were observed on 6/25/24. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review (took place on 9/23/24).

Classroom Observations/activities: . All rooms were observed in ratio. The children appeared content and would freely approach staff with questions/concerns. Staff were observed to model good handwashing; and responding to the children in a nurturing manner. All classrooms where observed to have a variety of age/developmentally appropriate centers/toys/activities. Staff have access to iPads to update the pro-care application to communicate with parents. The center is currently using Frog street curriculum.

Nutritional practices: Menus reflect meals in-line with CACFP guidelines as this center is enrolled in the CACFP food Program. There is an on-site kitchen where meals and snacks are prepared and served family-style in the classrooms. The kitchen and storage were clean and organized.

Health/Safety Practices: Medication, when present, is securely stored and accessible to staff. There are first aid kits available. Emergency exit plans are displayed conspicuously. Radon testing was completed 12/2022 and tested below the 4.0. Staff were observed to model and utilize good handwashing practices.

Playground observation: This center has a playground enclosed by chain link fencing and divided by ages. There is a variety of age/developmentally appropriate outdoor structures/toys. There is green space with structures having just received updated surfacing (rubber mats). There is natural shade and shade structures on the play ground areas.

Transportation/Field Trips: There is not transportation.

Administrative Review: The center had conspicuously posted information on mandatory reporting, handbook availability, consultant contact information, license, fire and tornado emergency plans and non-smoking signs. (Updated consultant contact information was provided); Five child files were reviewed with two missing emergency dentist information; and two missing physicals; Five staff files were reviewed; one needed updated SING (Iowa Background checks; one needing

updated CPR/First aid certificate; one needing updated mandatory reporter training and two needing to provide physical forms. The center has well-established policies.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center has a multi-purpose room that is used for large motor play so children are afforded large motor play activities on a daily basis.

The center has security/video cameras in all the rooms.

The center has a secure entrance.

The center has good community support as well as a supportive board of directors.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: Files need to have emergency dentist name/contact information

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 3

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is due every two years. Radon was last tested December 2022 and results indicated the rooms fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

The menus reflect the center is following CACFP guidelines. The center is on the food program.

Staff maintained good structure in the classrooms and were responsive/nurturing to the children.

*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.