

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

Name of Center: Kids Zone-Center Point **Enrollment:** 63 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 42659

Street: 101 Palo Road **City:** Center Point **Iowa** **Zip** 52213 **County:** Linn

Mailing Address: 5399 W Otter Rd, Walker, IA, 52352

Director's Name: Debra Hansen **Phone Number:** 319-551-3222

On-Site Supervisor(s): Debra Hansen **E-Mail:** shae1015@aol.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-12-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application X **Re-Application** NA

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-29-2023

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X **Profit** **Non-Profit** **NA**

Accreditation: **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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			5	55	60
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Amy Lyons

Date: 02-23-2024

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

Not applicable.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Kids Zone - Center Point is located inside Center Point Primary School which is part of the Center Point - Urbana Community School District. Kids Zone - Center Point is a profit program that operates year-round, Monday through Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm. During the school-year, the program operates before and after-school/preschool hours. The program offers full-days of care or extended hours on early-outs, some inclement weather days, some holidays, and during the summer. Kids Zone -Center Point serves preschool and school-age children. Current enrollment is 63.

Owner/director/on-site supervisor is Debra Hansen. Ms. Hansen has been the owner and director since January, 2010. Ms. Hansen has an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts and several years experience working with children.

On 2/12/2024, program space was observed.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Kids Zone – Center Point is well established in a predominantly rural area and has been in operation for several years. Kids Zone offers full-time and part-time options to help meet the needs of children and families in the community. The program accepts a variety of funding.

Kids Zone - Center Point sponsors a private social media page.

The goal of Kids Zone - Center Point is "...to provide a safe, fun, environment for your child before and after school and throughout the summer..."

The program's owner/director is Ms. Hansen. Ms. Hansen is a local entrepreneur invested in the Center Point and surrounding communities. Ms. Hansen discussed how she moved from a sub to long-term paraeducator position within the school district in October 2023. Ms. Hansen reported this works well with her childcare program's hours of operation being outside the school day. Ms. Hansen has over 14 years of experience working with children. Ms. Hansen is knowledgeable of licensing guidelines as well as her own program's policies and procedures. Ms. Hansen continues to develop systems of organization to help ensure administrative items are completed as required and maintained in a secure manner. Ms. Hansen discussed her team of staff who consist of many part-time high school students who rotate between employment and seasonal extra-curricular activities. Ms. Hansen talked about being grateful for their assistance as well as their willingness to really engage in group games and activities with the children.

Kids Zone - Center Point has emergency plans, policies, and procedures in place which are annually reviewed and updated as needed. The program successfully navigated through historical Linn County 2008 flooding, the 8/10/2020 Derecho Storm event, the 2019 health (Covid-19) pandemic and

Kids Zone - Center Point collaborates well with many community partners including the Center Point Community School District, local businesses, CCR&R, and health professionals. School administration, school kitchen personnel, school nurse,

and school custodial staff help ensure the program space is sanitary and hazard free each day. The school kitchen is inspected at least annually by the health department. There is an AED on-site.

Kids Point - Center Point continues efforts at optimal communication between the program/staff and families. The program has an organized parent-staff/program information center, offers regular program newsletters, utilizes technological communication resources, and supports family programming activities. Curriculum supports literacy activities including time for daily homework and a daily summer reading program. The program's curriculum incorporates on-site guest speaker events and summer off-site field trip experiences. Off-site field trip experiences include trips to the park, movie theater, and local dairy farm.

Kids Zone - Center Point has access to their own primary program space located in room #411. Children have access to many supplies and materials.

Each child is engaged in a daily health check upon arrival for early detection of apparent illness, communicable disease, or unusual condition or behavior which may adversely affect the child or the group. The program has policies and procedures in place for hand washing, cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing. Cleaning supplies were observed on-site.

On the day of the monitoring visit, staff were nurturing and attentive to the children's needs. Activities observed included full-day/no-school gathering activities and child-selected activities (e.g. board games, child provided electronics, dramatic play). A movie was observed to be playing in the background during play. Routine transitions (e.g. clean-up events, food service rituals) worked smoothly into the program's welcoming and cooperative play environment. Staff were overheard providing children with many words of encouragement and offering positive redirection when needed. Children responded well to staff and appeared to be truly enjoying their day.

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

109.6(6): Record checks

- Two staff files reviewed (PB date of hire July 2023, DH) lacked documentation of results of an Iowa/SING record check.
- Two staff files reviewed (PB date of hire July 2023, DH) lacked documentation of results of a federal/fingerprint record check.

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.

- Two staff files reviewed (PB date of hire July 2023, DH) lacked documentation of a physical exam.

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.

- Two staff files reviewed (PB date of hire July 2023, DH) lacked documentation of completion of mandatory child abuse training.
- One staff file reviewed (DH) lacked documentation of completion of required universal precautions training.
- One staff file reviewed (DH) lacked documentation of completion of required essentials training.
- One staff file reviewed (DH) lacked documentation of completion of required annual professional growth hours.

109.9(2): Child files

- One child file (BH under school-age) reviewed lacked any required documentation of enrollment, annual physical exam, DPH certificate of immunization, emergency permissions.

109.9(2)g: Any child with allergies, a written emergency plan. Copy shall accompany child if they leave the premises.

- Two child files (AM and 1) lacked written emergency plan for required rescue medication on-site.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

- Documentation of radon testing was not found on the day of the license visit. Ms. Hansen reported completing this the weekend of 2/17/2024. Please forward results to licensing upon receipt.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

- Documentation of the annual all fuel-burning appliance inspection was not found on the day of the licensing visit. On 2/17/2024, Ms. Hansen reported speaking to the head custodian. Please forward results to licensing upon receipt.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Ensure all medication (e.g. prescription, daily medication, rescue medication) is inaccessible to children and medication authorizations are being maintained as required. On 12/17/2024, Ms. Hansen noted medication storage improvements.

Please ensure every food surface (e.g. food prep areas, tables where children are eating) is properly cleaned and sanitized prior to any food service commencing.

Ensure each and every staff file and child file is maintained, in each's entirety, in a secure manner on-site. Having some documentation stored electronically, some documentation stored on-site and some documentation stored in an additional off-site location remains problematic.

Based upon the above, a referral for technical assistance was made to Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) on 2/23/2024.

A full license is issued. Thank you for the visit.

*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.