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

Name of Center: Kiddie Karrasel Academy **Enrollment:** 52 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 20893

Street: 328 N Cody RD **City:** Le Claire Iowa **Zip** 52753 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: PO Box 542, Le Claire, IA, 52753

Director's Name: Angela Mapes **Phone Number:** 563-289-3946

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amy Sue Harker **E-Mail:** kiddiekarrasel@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-14-2025

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: 07-24-2023

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited X NAEYC NSACA Other 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	18		67	20	105
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2025 to 06-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate **Date:** 01-31-2025

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was completed at this center on 1/14/25. This center is a for-profit center owned and operated by Angela Mapes. Angela is identified as the center director, and she was present on the day of the visit. Angela has owned and operated this center for many years and is a qualified center director with experience and training. Amy Sue Harker is the approved on site supervisor and lead staff in the infant room. The center operates in an older building that has been modified over the years to accommodate the center. The center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program.

The center consists of the following rooms: Prek room (four years through school age), early learners 1 room (18 months to three years), infant Room (age six weeks through 23 months), and early learners 2 room (formerly "studio room"- two through three years) and additional play space in small groups). Program rooms all include age appropriate furnishings and plenty of accessible materials to support program needs. Program rooms include hand washing sinks, and the infant room includes a separated food/bottle preparation sink. Program rooms include adjacent restroom areas as well. The nursery and EL1 rooms also include diapering stations within the program room. All program space was observed.

The center does not participate in the CACFP. Breakfast, morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack are served and all prepared on-site in the center's organized kitchen area primarily by the center director.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is owned by an experienced and knowledgeable director and is co-managed by an experienced on site supervisor. The center continues with NAYEC accreditation through 12/2027. The staff were once again observed to be highly engaged and interacting quite positively with the children. The staff work well together, and several of the staff have been with the center for quite a number of years. The center director states that the lead staff are allowed at least 15 hours per week for lesson planning. She states also that she or the on site supervisor meet with every staff individually once per month, and there are team meetings between each lead staff and their associates once per week. The rooms are bright with many large windows and are well stocked with accessible materials to support program needs. The center director puts out a newsletter annually to parents showcasing the center's accomplishments and goals. The center has made some classroom upgrades both structurally and with some new furnishings, installed new railings on deck and ramp in the outdoor area, and upgraded the fire alarm system. The center also offers an annual parent survey for feedback on performance. The children's crafts and projects are on display throughout the center. The activity plan for the infant room is broken down into three groups to accommodate all children in the room. Child and staff files and other required licensing documentation continue to be highly organized. The center uses a tracking system to ensure staff and child files are kept in compliance. The center is providing parents (not just infants) with daily information for all children at the center through a communication application.

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

N/A

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center was reminded of allowable age combinations. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. It is noted that the center has filed for an Exception To Policy to allow the combination of 18 months through four years for the first and last half hour of the center's operation. The decision is pending.

1. Ensure posted schedules reflect the time the program room operates during the day.
2. Improve storage of children's personal items in the EL1 room so that items are not piled together.

The center will continue with a full license. Please address the concern(s) noted above in this section of the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. This report does not require a written response. Thank you.

*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.