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

Name of Center: Kids Kampus Inc **Enrollment:** 52 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50045

Street: 555 4th St NE **City:** Primghar Iowa **Zip** 51245 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: PO Box 163 , Primghar, IA, 51245

Director's Name: Tammy Behrens **Phone Number:** 712-957-0034

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lindsey Ruschmann **E-Mail:** kidskampusprimghar@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-29-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-05-2024

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

Date Inspected: 07-01-2021

Comments :

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	15		31		46
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2024 to 05-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 06-13-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 05-29-24 and spoke with director Tammy Behrens. Ms Behrens has several years of experience working with children. Lindsey Ruschmann is the new onsite supervisor. Kids Kampus Inc is a daycare program that opened in 1990 and was administered through Baum-Harmon Hospital in Primghar, however, in June 2018 the center went on their own and is no longer affiliated with the hospital. The center consists of two rooms: a infant to two years old and a larger room from 2 years to school age. They only have school agers in the morning/after school or when there is no school as well as during the summer. During the summer the school agers will go on field trips while the younger children are napping. The center operates Monday through Friday 6am to 6pm. There are 52 children enrolled in the program although not all attend at the same time due to capacity being at 46. At the time of the visit there were 23 children present.

A full licensing visit was conducted and the director was present throughout the visit. All areas of the program were observed. 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. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. Blankets are washed weekly.

The large room (ages 2 through school age) has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: kitchen, legos, books, toys, puzzles, music, sand/water table and games. Children have access to bathroom and sink. Good room arrangement with centers throughout the area. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. They have their own curriculum with monthly themes and daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were numbers, days of the week, pictures of the children, child size furniture, children's artwork and the alphabet.

The infant room is divided into two sections within one big room. This allows for better staffing of the children as well as ability for children to have more space to move around. Diaper changing table and sink are accessible. Sufficient amount of toys and infant equipment such as swings, rocking chair and highchairs in the room. Toys and equipment are at the children’s level and accessible. The room is in the process of being repainted and windows are at children's level so they can look outside. Staff do daily infant sheets for parents and parents provide diapers, wipes, and formula. Toys are cleaned daily.

The program is in the process of doing an expansion for the center to add on 3 additional rooms and the center will then have an infant to 2 years old, a 2 year old room, 3 year old room, 4 year old room and a school age room. They hope to have the addition completed by the end of this summer. The program will then remodel the exitsing side of the center with updating and expanding their kitchen as well. In time they will be updating their playground area. The toddler playground isn't currently being used as it needs to be cleaned up from the winter. The program took out some trees so the fence will need to be updated and shade added.

Meals are prepared onsite in the kitchen. Food storage practices are good. The center is on the CACFP and follows their guidelines for nutrition. Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature.. Menus were posted.

Center follows policies on administering medications. When they administer medication it is inaccessible to the children and they complete the medication sheets. Staff and children exhibited good hand washing procedures. First aid is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented monthly. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a carbon monoxide detector. Annual heating inspection is complete. Radon tests has been completed. Center has a mitigation system.

Fenced-in playgrounds are adjacent to the center. There are 2 separate playgrounds as they no longer have an infant playground due to the expansion. They have made the 2/3 years old playground to allow for under twos, however needs to be cleaned up prior to usage. The two year old playground has swings, a playhouse, climbing equipment and slide. The large playground has climbing equipment, slides, basketball hoop, playhouse, teeter totter, picnic table and swings. Pea gravel is around all the play equipment. The playground needs an updated fence as there are areas to where the fence is not secured on the bottom. Monthly playground inspection are completed. Shade was available on the playground, however, with the need for removing trees they will need to add some shade. The center had done a fund raiser to update the playground, however, will complete when the expansion of the building is completed. They have applied for grant monies to put in new fencing, new surfacing, moving swings, sidewalk for the infant area. It is recommended that the center continue working with CCRR(Childcare Resource and Referral) as they update their playground.

They use a center van to transport children to activities around town (library, etc.) for field trips. The center had maintenance records for their van. Parents provide care seats if they are needed. The program plans to have the school agers return to the center before/after school which at that point close the Little Wolverines school age license. They may start up at the school and then come to the center later in the school year.
With the 2022-2023 school year the school started picking up and returning children to the childcare center.

The director feels her staff have a good relationship with the children/parent's and work good as a team. Staff are dependable. Center has a parent advisor board who is very active and helps center get what they need, the community has been great to serve their children. The director does monthly staff meetings to help in communication. The program is adding cameras to the rooms with the completion of the expansion as well as adding a security system.

Goals of the center are to get on IQ4K program, to complete expansion of the center. The director would also like to update their playground, hire lead staff and assistance for each room for consistency. Also to add curriculm.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center is on the food program.

Center plans to do IQ4K.

Center sends home a monthly newsletter to the parents.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has child size furniture throughout the area.

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

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: 1

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
New fencing, shade, and toddler playground cleaned up.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center is to email consultant by 07-08-24 confirming that all items that fall below standards have been completed.

It is recommended to continue to work with CCRR for assistance and support.

A full license will remain in effect at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.