

Name of Center:		Kids World Day Care and Preschool		Enrollment:		78	License ID No. (Reapplications)		16034
Street:	722 N First St	City:	Centerville	Iowa	Zip	52544	County:	Appanoose	
Mailing Address:	722 N First St, Centerville, IA, 52544								
Director's Name:	Terri Johnson				Phone Number:		641-437-1500		
On-Site Supervisor(s):	Dawn Johnson & Becca Braster				E-Mail:		kidsworlddaycarepreschool@yahoo.com		
Date(s) of Visit:	11-15-2024								
Licensing Visit	X	Unannounced Visit	X		Off Year Visit		Administrative Change		

New Application	X	Re-Application	NA				
Signed Application (470-0722) Received	X	Yes	No	NA	Date Signed:	06-08-2023	

FIRE INSPECTION	State	X	Local	NA	Is Fire Inspection Approved?	X	Yes	No	NA
Date Inspected:	08-27-2024								
Comments :	conducted by Centerville Fire Department, due annually, provided to HHS on 11/21/24								

LICENSE TYPE:	X	Child Care	Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)						
Financial Type:		Profit	X	Non-Profit		NA			
Accreditation:		Accredited		NAEYC		NSACA	X	Other	NA
Program Serves:	X	Infants (0-23 mo.)	X	2 Years	X	Preschool-Age	X	School-Age	
		Get-Well		Evening Care	X	Special Needs			
SCHEDULE:	X	Year-round		School-Year		Summer Only			

HOURS:	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>School-Year</u>	<u>Summer Only</u>		
LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	16	64	20	108
Summer					0

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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: Jill Seibert

Date: 11-21-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Kids World Day Care and Preschool is located in a single story, wood frame building specifically constructed for child care on the campus of Indian Hills Community College in Centerville. The building also houses classrooms and office for Appanoose County Head Start, also a licensed child care center. The center occupies five classrooms in the building, and an office, and laundry area. The program shares a small kitchen area with Appanoose County Head Start. The program provides full day child care to children ages 6 weeks through school age. The center is owned and operated by Appanoose County Day Care, Inc., a non-profit community organization. The director is Terri Johnson. Ms. Johnson has a BA in Business Administration from Graceland University with an emphasis in management, a National Administrator Credential (NAC), and 27 years of experience in licensed child care centers. Dawn Johnson (21 years experience) and Becca Braster (31 years experience) are the onsite supervisors for the program. Both OSS have numerous years of experience providing childcare at the center.

Kid's World is a 501C® non-profit child care center. It has a Board of Directors which meet once a month.

On 11/15/24, I made an unannounced off year visit to Kids World Daycare and Preschool and met with Director Terri Johnson, and other staff members. Other visits have been made to the center throughout the year. At the time of the visit, staff were actively engaged in providing the child care program to the children. All program areas were observed. The visit consisted of classroom and building area review and observations of activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

All classrooms have attached restrooms. The center also has a separate kitchen and director's office and janitorial/laundry areas. The center is clean, bright, attractive and equipped with a satisfactory variety of new child sized furniture, equipment, toys, games, and activities for the children.

Educational Programs

Nursery Program (Ages 6 weeks to 18 months)

The infant room offers care based on individual needs of each child. Staff in this room offer experiences that incorporate the senses and early curiosity about the world. They read books and are often on the floor interacting with the children.

Toddler Program (Ages 18 months to 2 years)

Toddlers are offered a variety of opportunities to explore their world through play. Gross motor skills and social skills are developed through both structured and unstructured play. Schedules include music, art, dance, story times, and more. Handwriting Without Tears is also utilized as part of the curriculum.

Creative Curriculum is implemented in the 3 year old preschool classroom. Games teaching pre-reading skills including phonemic awareness and letter and sound recognition; basic math concepts; and hands-on science exploration. Spanish is included in curriculum weekly.

The 4 year old program is a part of Iowa's Voluntary Preschool Program. A licensed teacher is certified in early childhood.

Well-planned learning centers that allow for child choice, self-directed play, and supportive teaching that prepares children for academic success. The Creative Curriculum.net system is used to keep parents informed of their children's development. Spanish lessons are given weekly. Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum is implemented. Handwriting Without Tears is also an important part of the curriculum.

Elementary/After School (Ages 5 to 12)

School-age children are given a quiet environment for homework and projects, with supervised access to computers and tutoring/assistance as needed. Schedules consist of crafts, games, snacks, and physical activities indoors and outdoors.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed:

Meals are served family style in the classrooms and posted menus indicate that minimum nutritional requirements are met. The kitchen contains new equipment, sufficient storage for center food, and sufficient dish washing capacity to accommodate a center of this size. The center kitchen was remodeled in 2021. The center participates in CACFP. They had a good CACFP review last year. CACFP reached out to the center board regarding the review. Jason, the kitchen manager has been employed at the center for five years. I also met with him the date of the visit and toured the kitchen.

Center Health and Safety:

The center administers prescription and non-prescription medication in accordance with licensing regulations, physician directions, and parental consent. The center is in compliance with regulations regarding staff and child hand washing, storage and maintenance of a first aid kit, emergency plans and drills for fire and tornado, environmental testing (radon, carbon monoxide detectors and fuel burning appliances annual inspection) and the maintenance of any necessary detection equipment, and general regulations regarding safety and sanitation policies and procedures. An emergency exit door has been replaced since last year.

Center Playground:

The center has a fenced and naturally shaded outdoor play area immediately beside the center. The area currently features a commercial climbing and play structures and rubber chip surfacing of adequate depth. New chips were recently added. Mold was removed from some of the playground structures. Fencing is adequate. The Childcare Outdoor Weather Watch is utilized when outdoor play is questionable due to varying weather conditions. First aid kits, emergency contacts and medications are taken outdoors with the children. Shade is provided by climbing equipment and the building. Playground inspections are completed monthly.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips:

The center complies with rules regarding an extra staff member during transportation and field trips. All children have field trip permission slips on file. The center utilizes a Centerville School District bus when transporting on field trips. Emergency contacts and a first aid kit are taken each trip. The center has the ice cream truck stop by in the summer and went to the movie theatre once a week. The zoo visited this summer and brought animals. The center also had a Parent Art Show.

Center Administrative Records:

The center is in compliance with regulations regarding required notices and postings and required written policies provided to parents in the form of a parent handbook.

Staff and child records were examined during this inspection. They are reviewed annually. Staff and child records are complete and well organized.

Appanoose County Public Health Nurse Rebecca Pfannebecker conducted a child file audit in November and assisted the program to get immunization certificates from IRIS. All children have current physicals, immunizations and pick up authorizations, emergency contacts and dental and medical information. Each December packets are sent home with parents so that all updates are current.

Staff files were compliant. Fingerprints for all staff are up to date (every 4 years). SING checks due every 2 years are present on all employees. Mandatory Reporter training (every 3) and CPR/1st Aid training (every 2 years) was present for all staff. Professional Development training due annually was also up to date.

Kids World participated in a PBIS cohort lead by the Department of Education with Coordinator Tom Rendon in the past. Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports is a program supported by the Iowa Department of Education to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavior competence. It is a center-wide strategy for helping all children achieve important social and learning goals. Kids World stated, "We know that when good behavior and good teaching come

together, our children will excel in their learning. Kid's World is proud to be part of this exciting initiative."

As part of the PBIS program, the center established four clear rules for behavior in all classrooms. Staff explicitly teach those expectations to the children and reward them frequently with positive notes and praise for great behavior. Staff use techniques such as, "What are the rules of your school?" "How do you follow those rules?" "When happens when a teacher sees you following the rules?" Our center rules will specifically address behaviors, provide for a safer school environment, and give more time for instruction and experiences. We will apply consistent consequences and positive reinforcement for all kids. By detailing every expected behavior and teaching to kids in a positive way, we will provide a common language for everyone in our building, including the children, teachers, kitchen manager, and our paraprofessionals." This is best practice and is duly noted.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

A.D.L.M 4 Counties for Kids Empowerment Board assists Kids World in offering scholarships to children in the three-year-old preschool program who qualify. To qualify, the families of the children must meet certain income guidelines.

OSS Dawn Johnson and 3 year old teacher Becca Braster won the Governor's Stem Council grants two years ago. Dawn was awarded two and Becca one. Ms. Johnson was elected for teacher of the year again this year.

The program is very proud that they paid off the building last year and have been able to offer extra monthly income to employees for bonuses. This year they were able to give a \$3 an hour raise with grant money they applied for.

Becca Braster, a long time employee of the center was awarded Teacher of the Year by NAEYC.

Meet the Teacher Night for Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program preschoolers are held each summer. Preschool home visits were conducted during enrollment.

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

1. 109.12(5)e: The provider shall follow safe sleep practices recommended by AAP for infants under one year of age: Infants shall always be placed on their back for sleep. Infants shall be placed on a firm mattress with a tight fitted sheet that meets Consumer Product Safety Commission federal standards. Infants shall not be allowed to sleep on a bed, sofa, air mattress or other soft surface. No child will be allowed to sleep in any items not designed for sleeping but not limited to, an infant seat, car seat, swing, bouncy seat. No toys, soft objects, stuffed animals, pillows, bumper pads, blankets, or loose bedding shall be allowed in the sleeping area with the infant. No co-sleeping shall be allowed. Sleeping infants shall be actively observed by sight and sound. If an alternate sleeping position is needed, a signed physician or physician assistant authorization with statement of medical reason is required. A rag was in the crib with a young infant. This is not allowable.

2. 109.9(2)g: Any child with allergies, a written emergency plan. Copy shall accompany child if they leave the premises. All allergy action plans should be signed by both parents and a physician and posted so that staff supervising the child can refer to the plan in the event of an emergency allergic reaction.

The Director agreed to ensure both issues were quickly corrected. She agreed to contact CCR&R or IDPH if she has questions on either topic.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to continue to monitor day to day practice and adjust accordingly to continue to ensure licensing rule is met consistently. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

HHS encourages you to contact your local nurse consultant Mandi Lauderman. Child Care Nurse Consultants work with child care and early education businesses. Businesses may call or send questions to a child care nurse consultant about health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. Please visit the following website for more information. <http://idph.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants> CCNC Lauderman visited the center in March last year for a meet and greet.

HHS encourages you to contact Child Care Resource and Referral consultant Karen Lauer. They offer centers assistance with meeting the DHS regulations, QRS, infant/toddler concerns, room arrangement and environment, developmental concerns, Best Practice information, CDA assistance, or any questions or concerns you may have. Please visit the following website for more information: <http://www.iowaccrr.org> CCR&R worked frequently with the center in 2019/2020 prior to the pandemic. They continue to do so and are a great support for the center according to the Director. Consultant Lauer has conducted observations in the two year old room this past year three times in late summer and early fall months. She also worked with the center on IQ4K in the spring in person.

*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.