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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kingdom Kids Community Daycare

Provider No.: 44029

Address: 305 E Madison St, Inwood, IA, 51240

County: Lyon

Director's Name: Karisa Van't Hul

On-Site Supervisor: Shelby Van't Hull

Phone Number: 7127532096

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HHS Visit Date: 09/03/2025

Licensing Period: 09/01/2024 to 09/01/2026

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 01/19/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	22	7	27		56
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

On 09/03/25 I completed an unannounced visit to Kingdom Kids Community Daycare in Inwood. I was able to speak with Director Karisa Van't Hul. Ms. Van't Hul has her Bachelor of Arts Degree from SDSU with a major in Human Development studies. She has worked previously at this daycare and has had in the past been in every role at the center giving her a great perspective on the needs of her staff.

Kingdom Kids Community Daycare is in the Christian Reformed Church. The center hours are 6:30pm to 5:30pm Monday through Friday. The center serves children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old (or when they go to kindergarten). The center has 5 rooms including 2 infant rooms separating the mobile from the non-mobile. There is an 18-month-2-year-old room, 3-year-old room, and 4/5-year-old room. The capacity of this center is 56. There were 32 children present at the time of my visit.

All areas of the program were observed. The 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 is painted in calming, neutral tones that create a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere for children. Classrooms are thoughtfully decorated with a variety of visual aids, including the alphabet, numbers, sight words, and handwashing reminders, which support early literacy and healthy routines. Children's artwork is displayed throughout the center, highlighting their creativity and giving them a sense of pride and belonging.

In addition, the center displays photographs of staff members along with brief descriptions, helping families and children become familiar with the teaching team. Each classroom door also features pictures of the children assigned to that room, which further promotes a sense of community and helps children feel recognized and valued.
The center implements the Experience Curriculum, which is designed to support children's development across all learning domains. This curriculum emphasizes hands-on, play-based learning opportunities that encourage curiosity, exploration, and problem-solving. Activities are intentionally planned to promote growth in cognitive, social-emotional, physical, and language skills. I observed staff engaged with children at their level. Daily activities are posted.

The center continues cleaning toys daily that children use. The center uses walkie talkies so rooms can get ahold of director or other staff if they need to. The center also uses the Bright Wheel app to help with communication with parents. The program closes 1x per year for professional development staff trainings. The center installed cameras in all the rooms and a security system. The refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Meals and snacks are prepared onsite in a kitchen area next to the dining area. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition, however, are not currently on the food program. There was good food storage noted. Menus were posted. The center is not currently on the food program. There was good food storage noted. Menus were posted. The center is not currently administering medication.

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Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children.

Fire/tornado drills and playground inspection are documented each month. The center also has First Aid Kits in every room that are also checked and restocked. Radon tests were completed, and a mitigation system was put in the center in 2024, and recent testing indicates an acceptable level. Annual furnace inspection was completed. The center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained.

The playground area is fenced in with different areas. The center has identified these areas as 4 different zones and provides directions as to where staff will be standing in each zone to ensure all children are observed. The playground has slides, swings, basketball hoops and riding equipment. The playground has rubber mulch for cushioning material around the play equipment and turf has been installed. The center has a cement path for children to use riding toys. The playground has shade structures.

The center would benefit from child sized furniture as they are currently utilizing furniture from the church they are located in.

The record keeping of this center is exceptional. All staff have their training uploaded into IPOWER

The goal of this program is to become IQ4K certified.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This center has a good relationship with their community and are providing and excellent service.

This center is committed to the children in their care as evidence by the purchase of the Experience Curriculum.

I observed good engagement between staff and the children.

The staff work well together, and the atmosphere is very positive..

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(2)i: 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, Chiropractor, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Please provide consultant with an email confirming that those items that fall blow standards have been completed by 10/31/25

To continue to work with CCRR for support as well as review the power point tools sent to Director.

A full license is recommended at this time at this time.

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

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HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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