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

Name of Center: Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool Inc **Enrollment:** 97 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25214

Street: 105 3rd ST SE **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 105 3rd ST SE, Altoona, IA, 50009

Director's Name: Annette Sauer **Phone Number:** 515-967-1009

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melissa Barkema **E-Mail:** altoonakidsworld@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-12-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-27-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-05-2023

Comments : 7/13/20 date of compliance

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 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	30	26	55	69	180
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2021 to 10-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 09-25-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Altoona Kidsworld Daycare has been in operation since 1990. This center provides child care services to children ranging from infancy through school-age. The center is housed in a single standing building that was previously a church. The daycare serves children ages infancy through school age. Mike and Joyce Morr are the owners of this center along with Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool #2. Annette Sauer has been the director since August 1999. Annette has been employed at this center since 1993. Melissa Barkema is the on site supervisor. Melissa has been assistant director since January 2007.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to DHHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are posted at the center's entrance. The current lesson plans, "Johnny Appleseed" and schedules are located at classroom doors. Each classroom contain a nice amount of age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning materials. Classrooms with children ages two and up have defined interest centers. Annette was present and she assisted with the visit.

The Bunnies (infants) had three infants present. There was one staff working in this classroom. The Baby Bears had eight infants present. Two staff were working with this class. The Teddy Bears (2's) had ten children in attendance. Two staff were working in this class. The Butterflies (2/3's) had seven children present. One staff was working in this class. The Rocket Room (3's - 5's) had twenty children present. Two staff were working with this age group. The Super Stars class (school age) wasn't in session during the visit.
Children were observed in the classrooms and outdoors. Some children were observed during lunch time. Some children were observed resting. Children were observed during child directed activities and staff led activities. Staff were observed reading books to children. Staff were engaged and assisting children with their activities in all classrooms.

The center has a full kitchen. The center employs a cook. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and an afternoon snack. Menus were reviewed and showed compliance with CACFP requirements. Menus are on a six week rotation. Lunch served today was spaghetti, corn, apple sauce, wheat bread and milk.

The center has three playground areas. There is a playground designated for toddlers - 2's. There is concrete and rubber tile for surfacing. There is a playground designated for 2's and 3's. There is concrete and rubber tile for surfacing. Both of these playgrounds have riding toys and other outdoor toys. The playground for 4's and up has rubber tile and concrete also. There is a large climbing structure. There are other smaller toys and other outdoor play materials in place for the children. Monthly checks are completed by staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Annette has been the director of this center for many years. Annette has a NAC accreditation. She provides a lot of support and expertise to the team of staff members. The on site supervisor has been employed at the center for many years as well. The classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings and supplies.

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

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
A child with allergies had an allergy/emergency action plan that hasn't been updated annually.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

The center had used boppy pillows in their infant classrooms. The manufacturers intended use for these devices is not for propping infants. These are loungers and pillow like devices and should not be used in licensed child care programs. The misuse of these pillows has caused injury and even deaths due to suffocation. Annette said the boppy pillows will be removed from the infant classrooms.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515362-7823-; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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