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

Name of Center: Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool **Enrollment:** 133 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6222

Street: 113 W 7th Street **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 113 W 7th St, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Keely Fara **Phone Number:** 712-792-1375

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lexi Flug **E-Mail:** keelycacccp@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-05-2024

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **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: 07-19-2023

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 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	32	30	106	0	168
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

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: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 06-10-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Carroll Area Child Care Center & Preschool on 6-5-2024. Keely Fara is the director of this center and the school-age center next door as of 11/2021. Keely was previously the on-site supervisor. Keely has a BA degree and several years of experience working in child care. Lexi Flug has been the on-site supervisor at this location since 12/2021. Lexi has a BA degree and also experience working in child care. I met with the Keely and Lexi during my visit.
The center provides child care to infants to preschool age. Carroll Area CCC & PS KC site are located in the Renew Church building next door - this site provides child care to preschool and school age children. Both centers are overseen by a Board.

Observation of rooms:
The program rooms look great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There is also a large motor skill room - one side is for the younger children and the other side is for the older children - this rooms looks great, new equipment and carpet were added in the last six months.
Some rooms have a separate room for cribs. You will need to make sure staff have direct observation of all children at all times. The two year old room was too dark during nap time, make sure the room is light enough to see the children's faces and their chest rise/breathing. The daily sheets looked good, they are on the Procare child care app. I am recommending that you remove push pins/tacks from program rooms, hall ways etc. these have the potential to be a health and safety hazard.
The four/five year old room needed lesson plans/activities. Children were observed playing and during nap time. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The center uses the Creative Learning Curriculum and their own curriculum they have developed over the years. Once children become school age, they can go to the related Carroll Center that is next door that serves school-age children.
A newsletter is provided to the parents.

Nutrition:
Meals are prepared onsite - Breakfast, lunch and a snack are served daily. Menus are posted, the center is on the federal food program. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and Safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The center uses a hydrogen peroxide product for sanitizing and disinfecting, the three step bottles are used 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing and disinfecting.
Keely, Lexi and the lead teachers in each room have received medication administration training.
Radon testing was done in May 2023, the test results for all program rooms were under a 4.0 pCi/L, the center can move to testing every five years. If test scores remain under a 4.0 pCi/L at your next testing you can remain on the five year schedule for testing. If the test scores are 4.0 or higher retesting will be needed, mitigation and the center would move back to testing every two years. The annual fuel burning inspection was done in June 2023, Keely will be scheduling the annual fuel burning inspection.

Playground:
The center has a nice fenced playground area. The center has done fundraising and received a grants for the playground. They have new fencing, new equipment and poured in place surfacing on the younger children's area. Monthly playground safety checks are completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't offer daily transportation services. For transportation/field trips, if not a walking field trip, the center contacts with the Carroll School District.

Administrative records:
Staff and child files were read and were in excellent order. Staff meetings are held quarterly, weekly updates are emailed to staff. Keely and Lexi maintain daily contact with staff.
The center participates in IQ4K level 1.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Keely and Lexi are very enthusiastic and proud of the center. They are very organized and mange the center very well. Your center is a wonderful resource for the community.
There is a secure entrance into the center. Security cameras are also in place.
The center participates in IQ4K level 1.
Staff have excellent interactions with the children. The center has an employee recognition program for good work. Staff reportedly work really well together.
The center works closely with the Family Resource Center and also has good community supports and relationships.
The center has a website and a Facebook page.
The Board is highly involved in the center's operations.
Several staff are involved with the TEACH and WAGES programs.
The center uses the Procare child care app for communication with parents, signing children in and out of the center, etc. Phones are in all classrooms.
The center participates in fundraising, receives grants and community funding for equipment, supplies etc. The playground has new fencing, new equipment and new surfacing on the younger children's side. New equipment and carpet has been added to the motor skill room.

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

109.12(1): Program structure that uses developmentally appropriate practices and written program of activities planned to the developmental needs of children served.Program complements but does not duplicate school curriculum.Schedule of program is posted in a place visible to parents.
The four/five year old room needed lesson plans/activities.

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing.Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM.Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children.Room’s arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap.Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner.Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs.Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
The two year old room was too dark during nap time, make sure the room is light enough to see the children's faces and their chest rise/breathing.
I am recommending that you remove push pins/tacks from program rooms, hall ways etc. these have the potential to be a health and safety hazard.
Some rooms have a separate room for cribs, make sure staff have direct observation of all children at all times.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 7-1-2023 to 7-1-2025.
Off year licensing visit 6-5-2024.

I am very impressed with Keely and Lexi, they are committed to providing quality child care and are supportive to the staff. Staff had excellent interactions with the children.

*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.