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

Name of Center: KidZone Child Care Center **Enrollment:** 34 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6548

Street: 481 Pin Oak Dr **City:** Ida Grove Iowa **Zip** 51445 **County:** Ida

Mailing Address: 481 Pin Oak Dr, Ida Grove, IA, 51445

Director's Name: Sarah Sholty **Phone Number:** 712-364-2061

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** kidzone2061@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-20-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 04-12-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-12-2023

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 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	19	10	23	29	81
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2023 to 06-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 05-21-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

On 05-20-24 a licensing visit to Kidzone Daycare and met with the director Sarah Sholty. Sarah Sholty has an Associates Degree in in accounting but has been the board director for Kidzone for 10 years and director for five years with Kidzone. The center services children ages infant to 12 years old. The hours of operation is Monday thru Friday 5:30am to 5:30pm.

There are 34 children enrolled in the program, however, at the time of the visit there were 19 kids present. 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 has been cleaning toys that children use.

The center continues in struggling with getting staff and had lowered their numbers of children to remain in ratio. In February the program closed for a week due to no staff. They are hoping to add more staff so they can serve more families.

Each of the rooms in the center has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: library, art, blocks, toys, puzzles, puppets, grocery store and dramatic play. Children have access to bathrooms if needed. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were numbers, helper's list, colors, children's artwork and the alphabet. Due to low staff/kids the program is not using two of the 5 rooms of the center. In the 3-5 year old room the mats need have mat covers on them for when the children nap. It is also recommended to update each rooms first aid kits. Due to direct needing to be in the rooms and makeing meals the center is behind in paperwork for staff/children's files. The files were missing or outdated information. The director felt that her with summer help she should be able to complete more of her director duties in regards to the staff/children's files.

The infant rooms also sufficient amount of toys, cribs, highchairs and equipment in the room. Children have access to changing tables. Observed staff playing with them, rocking them to sleep, talking to the children throughout the day. Good staff interaction with the children throughout the day. Staff provide a caring environment for the children. Throughout the center staff are very attentive to the children’s needs and concerns.

The center has a new toddler playground, however, is not being used as they are resurfacing this playground in a few weeks and will add a shade structure. They program received some grant monies for a shade structure and part of the surfacing for this playground. The program plans to put in turf for the surfacing. They use the Bright Wheel app to assist them in better communication with parents and administration needs.

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

Currently they are not administering any medications. When they do administer medication it is inaccessible to the children and they complete the medication sheets. First aid is sufficient to treat minor injuries, however should be updated in the classrooms.

Fire/tornado drills were not available at the time of the visit, nor was the monthly playground inspection form. Center has a carbon monoxide detector in with the fire alarm. Annual heating inspection also wasn't available at the time of the visit. Radon tests was completed. Emergency Prepardness Polices need to be updated. Last updated in 2016.

Two fenced-in playgrounds next to the center. The center has shade and has woodchips for surfacing on the 3 and up playground. The center has a toddler playground and has put rubber tiles over wood chips for surfacing. The rubber tiles are just laid on top and have areas that are not even which causes a tripping hazards. The program is redoning this playground in a few weeks and putting turf in for the surfacing which they received a grant for. They are currently not using this playground until the surfacing is completed. They will also put in a shade structure as well. They tend to use an area in the bigger playground that offers shade at this time. Monthly playground inspection was not available at the time of the visit.

The center purchased a 2012 Ford van in 2023 to help for filed trips and transport preschool children to school. The center has documentation regarding the van and is in working order. Van has necessary car seats for transporting. The school bus drops children off and picks up from the center. Due to low staff the center haven't done field trips during the school year, however, is hopefully they will have more summer staff to be able to do some field trips.

A Headstart classroom opened in the basement of the building fall of 2019.

Goals of the center are to have more consistent staff, add shade and surfacing to the toddler playground, be more organized, and to start the IQ4K process. More continuity of staff as they are low on staff.

Strengths of the center is that the core staff work well as a team and are dependable. They also have good communication with the children and families that they serve. The center also is a back up for in-home daycare if they have openings. Program uses the Bright Wheel app which has streamed a lot of things for the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in fundraising events.

Staff work well as a team and have good communication with parents.

Center uses the Bright Wheel app.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Number not in compliance: 3

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
Number not in compliance: 2

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: 3

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
Number not in compliance for medical: 4
Information lacking: information was either missing or outdated.

109.10(15)b: Emergency instructions, phone numbers, and diagrams for fire, tornado, and flood shall be visibly posted and documented at least once a month for fire and tornado. Records shall be maintained for current and previous year.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Director needs to email consultant by 06-30-24 of those aspects cited that don't meet licensing standards have have been corrected. A referral has been made to CCRR to assist in support and staff/children files. Also, to update Emergency Prepardness Policies.

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.

*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.