

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

Name of Center: Kids Place Day Care **Enrollment:** 74 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6893

Street: 103 Central ST STE 100 **City:** Glenwood **Iowa** **Zip** 51534 **County:** Mills

Mailing Address: 103 Central ST STE 100, Glenwood, IA, 51534

Director's Name: Angie Thomas **Phone Number:** 712-527-5264

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** thomasang@glenwoodschoools.org

Date(s) of Visit: 06-08-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 09-08-2021

Comments :

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 Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care X 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	12	18	18	52	100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	FULL license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 06-21-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made on 6-8-2023. Kids Place operates under the Glenwood School District and is located on the Campus of the Glenwood Resource Center in a four story brick building. Child care services are provided to children infant age to school age, Monday through Friday 5:45 am to 6:30 pm. During the summer a full day program is provided to school age children. 74 children are enrolled in the program. Angie Thomas became the director on June 7, 2021. Angie has several years of child care experience. The program has two on-site supervisors. Other entities are located in the Kids Place child care building - Area Education Agency, Glenwood School Administration, Thrive alternative high school on the 4th floor, and Glenwood Head Start on the second floor. I met with Angie during my licensing visit.

Observation of rooms:

All program rooms were observed, the infant room wasn't being used at the time of my licensing visit. All rooms were in ratio.

Most program rooms were observed during nap time. The children were observed playing in one preschool age room and both school age rooms. The preschool age room was too dark during nap time and you couldn't see the children - this is a repeat violation from last year. The rooms must be light enough to see the children at all times/see that they are breathing. You will need to have the window shades open or more lights on in the room. During the summer the school age program take a variety of field trips. They also have water day at the center.

The program rooms have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment.

The preschool age room and the school age rooms didn't have lesson plans/activities. This is a repeat violation from last year. The staff in each program are responsible for developing the lesson plans/activities. Please make sure each room has their weekly lesson plans.

Please remove plastic bags that are accessible to the children, the plastic bags were in the preschool and school age rooms.

The daily sheets looked good.

The children's fun art work was displayed.

The center uses the Procure app.

Nutrition:

The center participates in the Children and Adult Federal Food Program (CACFP). During the school year breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided. The Glenwood Middle School prepares breakfast and lunch and it is delivered daily, the center purchases the snack from the school. Monthly menus are provided. During the summer the program participates in the free lunch program.

Food allergies are posted.

Health and safety:

Fire/tornado drills were practiced and documented. Seven radon tests were completed in August 2023, all test results were in the acceptable range.

Medication management procedures are followed and they have a medication log.

Playground:

There are three outdoor playground areas for the different age groups of children. The playground areas are fenced. Monthly playground inspections were maintained.
The playground is in need of surfacing.

Transportation:

The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. The Glenwood Schools provide school bus transportation for the before and after school age children. A school bus is hired for transportation for field trips. Walking field trips are taken on campus.

Administrative records:

The child files were read and were in good order. Make sure you can view the child physicals in Procare or have access to them.
Staff files were read, some staff files were in need of the national record check, Angie was in the process of having staff get their fingerprints and sending them in. Staff have many hours of training.
The center has all of the required postings. The center has all of their emergency procedures. Angie maintains ongoing contact with staff and is in the program rooms frequently, she has monthly staff meetings and she provides staff notes.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Angie is very positive and knowledgeable of the DHS child care rules. Angie has several years of experience in child care. She is very enthusiastic and proud of the program. The on-site supervisors are responsible for various duties and are very helpful. Many staff at Kids Place have excellent staff longevity. Angie reported the center will apply for a level 3 on the IQ4K program.

Staff were attentive to the needs of the children. Angie maintains daily contact with staff and a monthly newsletter is provided to the families.

Kids Place is a wonderful resource for the community.

New 2022/2023

The center has received new windows in the doors, new camera and the rooms have been painted.

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

CORRECTED. - 109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.

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REPEAT VIOLATION - 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 preschool age room and the school age rooms didn't have lesson plans/activities. This is a repeat violation from last year. The staff in each program are responsible for developing the lesson plans/activities. Please make sure each room has their weekly lesson plans. Angie please review the weekly lesson plans.

REPEAT VIOLATION - 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.

Additional concerns: REPEAT VIOLATION - The younger preschool room was too dark during nap time. The rooms must be light enough to see the children at all times/see that they are breathing. You will need to have the window shades open or more lights on in the room.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 8-1-2023 to 8-1-2025.

*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.