Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kids Korner

Provider No.: 25885

Address: 1106 Linden St, Dallas Center, IA, 50063

County: Dallas

Director's Name: Carie Burgher

On-Site Supervisor: Cherish Freestone and Keisha Rummel

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HHS Visit Date: 07/24/2026

Licensing Period: 04/01/2025 to 04/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 06/30/2026

Comments: Plan of Correction - 8/6/26

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] 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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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	17	18	85	0	120
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

Kids Korner opened in 1998. The center is located in a single standing building. Kids Korner has a secured entrance. The center offers child care for children ages six weeks in age to roughly five years in age. The center is owned by Lezlie Ellerman and her daughter, Emily Ellerman. Lezlie also owns Kids Korner II in Adel and Kids Campuses in Stuart, IA and Dallas Center, IA. The director of this center is Carie Burgher. Carie has worked at this center for a number of years and meets the qualifications for director. The on-site supervisors are Cherish Freestone and Keisha Rummell. Both individuals meet the qualifications for on-site supervisor. The center uses Creative Learning Curriculum.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules are posted by classroom doors. Current lesson plans are posted. Each classroom has age appropriate furnishings, supplies and toys. Children's artwork is displayed in classrooms. Children's belongings are kept in cubbies.

The infant classroom had four infants present. There was one staff working in this classroom. The toddlers (1's) had four children present. One staff working with in this class. The 2's classroom had nine children in attendance. There were two staff working with this group. The 3's and 4's/5's classes were combined today,. There were a total of twenty children present. Two staff were working with these age groups. Children were observed in classrooms and on the playground. Interactions between staff and children were positive throughout the visit.

The center has a full kitchen. The center serves breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. Menus are on a four week rotation. Menus were reviewed today and showed compliance with CACFP requirements.

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The center has two areas of playground space. There is a toddler playground and a playground for 3's to 5's. The 3's to 5's playground has grass and poured surface for surfacing. There is also concrete trails. The center needs to add a shading structure to the toddler playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation. The center walks to some off site field trips.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The director stated she has been around for many years because she enjoys working with children as do her staff.

The center has their own website. The also uses the Playground electronic application to communicate with parents and among each other.

The center has a secured entrance.

The owner of this center also owns Kids Korner II in Adel and she also oversees Kids Campuses in Stuart, IA and Dallas Center, IA.

Enrollment remains steady.

There is a Universal Preschool component at the center through the school district. The center has a good working relationship with the school district as well as other businesses in the community.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.11(4)a: Center must have safe outdoor program area adjacent to the center, with sufficient square footage to accommodate at least 30 percent of the enrollment capacity at any one time at 75 spear feet per child. Outdoor space must:Be free from litter and unsafe materials and free from contamination by the drainage or ponding of sewage or storm water.Include safe play equipment and an area of shade.Include fencing to protect from bodies of water or vehicular traffic. The toddler playground doesn't have natural shading or any shade structures. There was a tree that has been removed from the center of the playground. The center needs to add a shade structure on this playground.

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

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

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Date: 08/04/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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