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

Name of Center: University Kids LLC **Enrollment:** 38 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 48205

Street: 111 DeSoto RD **City:** Van Meter Iowa **Zip** 50261 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 111 DeSoto RD, Van Meter, IA, 50261

Director's Name: Tayler Sorensen **Phone Number:** 515-996-9141

On-Site Supervisor(s): Ariel Masker **E-Mail:** Directoruniversitykids@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-11-2023

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:** 04-04-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-13-2023

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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 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	12	11	16	23	62
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 04-11-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 4/11/23. The director was present throughout the visit. The owner also arrived part way through the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

University Kids is a center in Van Meter that was given permission to open on 1/3/17 under new ownership and a new name. The center was previously known as Country Kids Club. Hayley Carlson purchased the center from the previous owner. The center serves children ages six weeks in age through five years in age (school-agers used to attend and may again in the future) The center utilizes their own learning curriculum in their teachings. There are two levels to the center and a total of five classrooms.

Tayler Sorensen is the director as of 10/2021. Tayler has an AA in Early Childhood Education and has past experience working in child care. Ariel Masker is the on-site supervisor. Ariel has an AA degree and past experience working in child care.

During the visit, children were observed participating in a large group story activity facilitated by their staff members, having sunscreen applied, playing outside on the playground, washing their hands, sitting down for lunch, napping in cribs, and engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up in classrooms.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director felt she has a good group of staff. Staff work well together.

The director is organized.

The center was clean and smelled clean.

The center has a good mix of new and tenured staff.

The center has a Facebook page. The center also uses an electronic app to communicate with parents of all children enrolled throughout the day. Parent teacher conferences have also been incorporated within the past year for all children enrolled.

Good staff and child interactions were again observed in all areas.

The center has a full-time cook.

The director attends meetings regularly with other area directors.

The center has good community partnerships in the Van Meter area.

Within the past year, the center has purchased a van to transport children.

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: 1 new staff member still needs to be fingerprinted. This needs to be done as soon as possible.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
There was a cleaning product underneath one unlocked cabinet in the three year old classroom.

109.11(3)d: Record of monthly inspections of outdoor recreation area and equipment shall be kept.
October through December 2022 inspections were not documented. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines.
Vanilla wafers are not considered a credible food item. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last completed 3/16/23 - 3/24/23. Because radon levels came back below 4.0, the center doesn't have to test again for radon until at least 3/2028. If radon levels remain below the 4.0 cutoff, radon testing can remain every five years. If 4.0 or higher, they will need retest and then go back to testing every two years.

The annual furnace inspection on file was from 8/9/22.

The center purchased a van to transport preschool children to school and to also use for field trips. A No Smoking sign is needed for the van.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.