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

Name of Center: Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool Inc **Enrollment:** 103 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25214

Street: 105 3rd ST SE **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 105 3rd ST SE, Altoona, IA, 50009

Director's Name: Annette Sauer **Phone Number:** 515-967-1009

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melissa Barkema **E-Mail:** altoonakidsworld@yahoo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 07-10-2025

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:** 07-27-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-05-2023

Comments :

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 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	30	26	55	69	180
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2025 to 10-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 07-14-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Altoona Kidsworld Daycare has been in operation since 1990. This center provides child care services to children ranging from infancy through school-age. The center is located in a single standing building that was previously a church. The daycare serves children ages infancy through school age. Joyce Morr is the owner of this center, in addition to Altoona Kidsworld Daycare-Preschool #2. Annette Sauer has been the director since August 1999. Annette has been employed at this center since 1993. Melissa Barkema is the on site supervisor. Melissa has been assistant director since January 2007.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are posted at the center's entrance. Current lesson plans and schedules are located by classroom doors. Each classroom contain a nice amount of age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning materials. Classrooms with children ages two and older have defined interest centers. Children's artwork is displayed in the classrooms and hallways.

Annette assisted with today's visit. The Bunnies (infants) had five infants present. There were two staff working in this classroom. The Baby Bears (older infants) had six infants present. Two staff were working with this group. The Busy Bees (2's) had eight children present. Two staff were working in this class. The Butterflies (2/3's) had ten children in attendance. Two staff were working in this classroom. There were twenty one children in the Rocket Room (4's/5's). Three staff were working with this class. There were twenty seven children present in the Super Stars room (school age). Two staff were working with this group.

Children were observed during a variety of activities. Children were observed during child directed activities and during staff led, group activities. Some children were observed during rest time and during transition timed. Children were doing art activities and playing in interest areas. Children were playing games together. Staff were reading books to children.

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

The center has three playground areas. There is a playground designated for toddlers - 2's. There is concrete and rubber tile for surfacing. There is a playground designated for 2's and 3's. There is concrete and rubber tile for surfacing. Both of these playgrounds have riding toys and other outdoor toys. The playground for 4's and up has rubber tile and concrete also. There is a large climbing structure. There are other smaller toys and other outdoor play materials in place for the children. Monthly checks are completed by staff.

The center owns two buses that are used for school transportation and off site field trips.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Annette has been the director of this center for many years. Annette has a NAC accreditation. She provides a lot of support and expertise to the team of staff members. The on site supervisor has been employed at the center for many years as well. The classrooms are well furnished with age appropriate furnishings and supplies.

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

There were no licensing violations cited today.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823-; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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