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

Name of Center: Kids Campus **Enrollment:** 34 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 25922

Street: 1205 13th Street **City:** Dallas Center Iowa **Zip** 50063 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: PO Box 392, Dallas Center, IA, 50063

Director's Name: Lezlie Ellerman and Brooklyn Burgher **Phone Number:** 515-993-1190

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kylie Tiffany **E-Mail:** lezlie.ellerman@yahoo.com, adel@kidskornertwo.com

Date(s) of Visit: 04-03-2023

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 03-03-2023

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

Date Inspected: 07-12-2021

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

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years 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	0	0	0	60	60
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:** 04-04-2023

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 4/3/23. Director, Brooklyn Burgher, was present throughout 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 guidelines were also discussed.

Kids Campus is a school-age (ages five to 12 years old) program located in Dallas Center at the Dallas Center-Grimes Elementary School. The center utilizes mainly the school cafeteria, but they also have access to the gym and outdoor play areas. During the summer months and no school days, there is full day programming from 6:30am-5:30pm. During the school year, children attend 6:30am-7:30am and/or 3:15pm-5:30pm. The majority of the children who attend this center also attend the elementary school, but the program is open enrollment for all children. The center uses their own learning curriculum based off of other learning curriculums.

The center is overseen by a Board. The head director/program manager of the center is Lezlie Ellerman. Lezlie also owns Kids Korner I and Kids Korner II and is the director/manger at Kids Campus - Stuart. The assistant director is Brooklyn Burgher. Brooklyn has an AA degree and also has past experience working in child care. Kylie Tiffany is the on-site supervisor at this center as of 3/30/17. Kylie has her CDA as well as Para-educator's license, and a Liberal Arts degree. Kylie has worked in child care for several years.

During the visit, children were observed in the gym. Children were broken up into smaller groups and observed playing with the learning stations that were available to them on the day of the visit. Staff were spaced out among the different groups of children and engaged with children and their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Lezlie Ellerman also owns Kids Korner I, Kids Korner II, and Kids Campus - Stuart. The same policies and procedures are in place at those centers as well. There is continuity. There is a website for additional information on each center.

The center has a good working relationship with the school overall.

Quarterly staff meetings are held.

The center has an electronic/online system for child update forms, etc. (Playground) and to better communicate with parents.

The director of this program is organized.

Enrollment has increased over the past year.

Both directors believe they have a good group of staff who work well together. The assistant director also stated her staff are very dependable.

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

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. 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.
1. The zip ties on one area of the playground should be cut closer to the latch part so that children can't get potentially poked and/or injured. Also, the "S" hooks on some of the swings will need to be tightened as discussed at the visit.
2. The cleaners (this consultant was told they are the school's cleaners) will need to be kept in an area that is inaccessible to children rather than being kept out in the open in the cafeteria.

109.6(6)c Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
One staff had a SING record check that was due again the beginning of March, 2023. THIS IS A REPEAT ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center is exempt from environmental testing as they only serve school-age children and located within a school.

The center contracts with the school district for a driver and a school bus for field trips.

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.