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# Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

## CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Little Lamb Preschool

Provider No.: 6218

Address: 1844 Highland Dr, Carroll, IA, 51401

County: Carroll

Director's Name: Durene Eisenbacher

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 7127924354

E-Mail: durene@mchsi.com

HHS Visit Date: 09/04/2025

Licensing Period: 04/01/2024 to 04/01/2026

**Fire Inspection:**

Date Inspected: 09/11/2023

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

**Report Visit Type:**

- [ ] PTO
- [ ] Licensing Visit
- [X] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

**License Type:**

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

**Quality initiative:**

- [ ] Accrediation

**Program Duration:**

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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| HOURS: | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sunday | | | |
| Monday | | 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM | |
| Tuesday | | 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM | |
| Wednesday | | 8.00 AM to 11:00 AM | |
| Thursday | | 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM | |
| Friday | | | |
| Saturday | | | |

**Program Population Served:**

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

| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Aged | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 17 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**1. Basic Overview**

An unannounced visit was made on 9/4/25. Little Lamb Preschool is a preschool program located in one classroom within the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll, Iowa. The preschool serves three-, four-, and five-year-olds during the school year. Classes are held on Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM-11:00 AM. The preschool utilizes parts of the Creative Learning Curriculum in combination with their Bible Teaching Curriculum. The preschool is overseen by a Board. The director and lead teacher of the program is Durene Eisenbacher. She has been with the program since 2006. She has worked in child care for 40 years. The other teacher has been with the program since 1994. I met with Durene during my licensing visit.

Observation of room:
The programming room looks great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The children were initially observed learning an activity on how to hold a pencil and then later observed playing in centers. Twelve children were present with two staff. Staff had excellent interactions with the children. They were positive, nurturing, and attentive to the needs of the children. Durene provides a monthly newsletter to the families. Durene prepares the lesson plans/activities. Fun hands-on learning activities are provided. Parent-teacher conferences are held in October and March. The center has different agencies visit the program for presentations to the children every other month such as the fire department and a nurse. The children have a Christmas program. Lesson plans are created weekly and posted both inside and outside the programming room. When the children walk across the hall to use the restroom, they all hold on to a rope and staff do a head count before leaving the room and prior to returning to the room.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The first aid kit was properly stocked. Radon testing was completed in May 2022 with a test score of 3.3 pCi/L. Please refer to your DHHS handbook for information on radon

testing as the policies have changed including the frequency of required testing. The annual fuel burning inspection was completed on 10/29/24. There is a carbon monoxide detector. Nobody is currently on medication, but they have a medication lockbox and follow proper procedures when needed. Bleach/water is used for sanitizing and they follow the three-step bottle procedure 1. Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing. If you are using bleach/water you must follow the mixing instructions on the specific bottle of bleach for sanitizing. Bleach/water must be mixed daily. The correct ratio is posted below the sink. You can discuss other product options for sanitizing with your child care nurse consultant. The dwell time is two minutes. Most of the dishes that are used are disposable. The center has a washer and dryer for the clothes used by the children. The center appeared to be very clean. The teachers do all of the cleaning.

Nutrition:
The children provide the snack. A list of suggested food items that are compliant with CACFP is given to the families. There was a thermometer in the refrigerator.

Playground:
The center has a nice, fenced playground area. Monthly playground safety inspections are completed. There is a shade tarp. Wood mulch is used for surfacing.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide daily transportation services.

Administrative records:
Child files were read and were in excellent order. Durene keeps all staff files in a lockbox, but the lock broke, so she took it home to fix it. Durene said she would get copies of all of the documents to me as soon as she had access. She knew their annual training had not been done yet since the school year just started, but it was completed by 9/15/25. Durene sent copies of all background checks and training to me.

**2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program**

Little Lamb Preschool is a wonderful resource for the community. Durene is very proud and enthusiastic about the program. The staff had excellent interactions with the children and they work well together. They love working with children and enjoy their jobs. The preschool has a good working relationship with the church and church personnel. The preschool is mentioned within the church website for some additional information on their services. The goal is to purchase rubber pellets for the playground, but it will depend on the cost. Every parent receives a newsletter and calendar monthly.

**3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard**

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

**5. Special Notes/Recommendations**

A full license is recommended for 4-1-2024 to 4-1-2026.

I was very impressed with the staff. They were creative, nurturing, and having fun with the children.

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Date: 09/17/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Tausha Bottorff

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

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