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

Name of Center: Ms. Hollie's Preschool **Enrollment:** 18 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39644

Street: 1118 Timberlane Dr **City:** Huxley Iowa **Zip** 50124 **County:** Story

Mailing Address: 1118 Timberlane Dr, Huxley, IA, 50124

Director's Name: Hollie Allen **Phone Number:** 515-291-5604

On-Site Supervisor(s): Kelly Lewis **E-Mail:** hollieallen@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-12-2023

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:** 01-05-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-13-2021

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

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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: Infants (0-23 mo.) 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: Year-round X School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Debbie Hammer **Date:** 02-06-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A full licensing visit was conducted on 1/12/23. The director was present throughout the visit as well as the on-site supervisor.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

This preschool was started in 2012 and was in a church for the first year. In 2013 the preschool moved to the walk-out basement of the directors newly built home. This space was designed specifically for the preschool program. There are several windows on two sides of the room. They are able to see approaching visitors who walk down the sidewalk to get to the preschool.

Hollie Allen is the owner/director. She is a licensed teacher. Her assistant is Kelly Lewis. They both meet the requirements for their positions.

This preschool provides the universal preschool program that is offered to four year old children through the Ballard School District. This is a school year only program. Preschool meets Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 am.

Activity centers are arranged around the large and open room. Low shelves are used to separate areas and store play items for the centers. Child size tables are used for academic activities, a surface for free play activities, and for eating snacks. There is a nice selection and duplication of age appropriate toys and learning materials. The preschool does not have a playground with structures, however has green space in the back yard.

The preschool uses the Creative Curriculum.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Hollie believes they offer a great preschool program because they follow the QPPS requirements which have a higher standard than DHS licensing requirements. Her students continue to test high compared to the other preschool programs.

The preschool focuses on a play based, hands on approach to learning.

Hollie and Kelly work well together as a team. They are nurturing and engaged with the children. They have good communication with the families.

The preschool has high enrollment every year.

The preschool has adapted to the ever continuing changes in guidelines pertaining to Covid-19, and continues to provide for

safe and quality preschool programming.

The preschool received a grant for a water-phonic system to grow plants in the classroom. The preschool has a strong focus on nature and has a large area of green space on the property where children can explore and be engaged in nature.

The preschool was able to have a Christmas party this past Christmas at a church, with strong attendance.

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

There were no aspects of operation that fell below the standards noted or observed during the visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is required every two years. The preschool last completed radon testing in February of 2022 and this fell below the 4.0 cutoff. The preschool also has a mitigation system installed.

A geothermal system was installed when the house was built and furnace inspections are not required.

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.

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