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

Name of Center: Newton Christian Preschool **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50751

Street: 1711 N 13th Ave E **City:** Newton Iowa **Zip** 50208 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: 1710 N 11th Ave E, Newton, IA, 50208

Director's Name: Elisha Biehn **Phone Number:** 641-792-1924

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** ebiehn@newtonchristianschool.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-21-2022

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-08-2021

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

Date Inspected: 10-01-2020

Comments : Newton Fire Department

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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 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: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2019 to 12-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-17-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Newton Christian Preschool opened in September 2019. The preschool is located right behind Newton Christian School. The preschool is the sole occupant of the building. There is a secured entrance. The preschool offers programming for children ages three to five. The building has a spacious classroom that has it's own bathroom. Another classroom is used for large motor play activities. Elisha Biehn is the director of the program.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. The class schedule and lesson plans are posted. The spacious classroom is well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, learning materials and toys. The center has labeled interest centers. Children's artwork is displayed throughout the classroom. Children's coats and backpacks are kept on hooks and cubbies.

Elisha was working today and she assisted with the visit. One additional staff was working today. There were eleven children, a group of four year olds, present today. Children were observed on the playground and in the classroom. Child directed activities and group time were observed in the classroom. Elisha read a Bible story and reviewed a Bible verse with the group. Children played throughout the room in the interest centers. The staff supervised and interacted continuously during the visit. Interactions between the staff and children were observed to be positive.

The center provides snack during sessions. Some snacks served don't have two credible food components. Alisha will review and add an additional food component on these days.

The center's outdoor playground has fencing. There is natural wood climbing structures. There is pea gravel, grass and concrete for surfacing. The center completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in QRS and earned a three star rating. This center is located in new building, built specifically for the preschool. The children have large motor play activities daily, through the use of the outdoor playground and the large motor play classroom. The preschool is a part of Newton Christian School and is well supported by the school.

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

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 state record check completed late.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
One new staff hasn't turned in a physical.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
Current radon testing isn't on file.

109.15(2): Center shall follow minimum CACFP menu patterns for meals and snacks.Menus planned one week in advance, made available to parents, and kept on file with substitutions noted.Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
Two credible food components aren't being served on some days.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

*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 mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) 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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