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

Name of Center: Trinity Preschool **Enrollment:** 30 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28284

Street: 800 N Sumner **City:** Creston Iowa **Zip** 50801 **County:** Union

Mailing Address: 800 N Sumner, Creston, IA, 50801

Director's Name: Joy Brown **Phone Number:** 641-782-5095

On-Site Supervisor(s): na **E-Mail:** jbrown@trinitycreston.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-01-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

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

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

Date Inspected: 08-29-2023

Comments :

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: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 05-23-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made to Trinity Preschool was made on 5-1-2024. The center opened in 1986. Joy has been employed at the program for over twenty years, she has her Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development. Preschool services are provided to children 2 1/2 to five years old.
The preschool is located in the lower level of Trinity Lutheran Church. The preschool operated under the preschool board. There are 30 children enrolled. I met with Joy during my off year licensing visit.
Monday, Wednesday 8:30 am to 10:00 am 2 1/2 year old program.
Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 11:00 am 3 year old program.
Monday through Thursday 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm 4 year old program.

Observation of room:
The room looks great and is arranged into fun activity centers. There were twelve children, two staff present and one parent volunteer present. The children were having fun participating in a variety of activities. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were involved in programming and attentive to the needs of the children.
They use Creative Curriculum, and Teaching Strategies Gold. There is a religious component to the program and the church pastor meets with the children for a short bible story time. The three year old's also use a religious curriculum called One In Christ.
Joy is very creative and the center has family events throughout the year. The daily schedule and lesson plans/activities are posted, the current study was Clothing. The center has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The program collaborates with the public school to provide the voluntary four year old grant preschool program.

Nutrition:
Parents provide cereal that meets the CACFP guidelines for the 2 1/2 to 3 year old program and the center provides a nutritious snack for all other pre school sessions. Proper food storage was observed. There are thermometers in the refrigerator and freezer.

Health and Safety:
No children are prescribed medication during the time they are at the preschool. Proper medication management procedures are followed if a child is prescribed medication. The first aid kit was properly stocked. Radon testing was done in July 2023 with a test score of 3.2 pCi/L. Make sure you have your annual fuel burning inspection.
Fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented on a monthly basis.
Bleach/water is used for sanitizing during the day. The center is using the three step bottles - soap/water for cleaning, water for rinsing and then bleach/water for sanitizing. (Make sure your bleach is EPA approved and follow the directions for mixing on the bottle or on the specific product website). Please review the bottle of bleach you are using for the directions on mixing the bleach/water. If the directions aren't on the bottle you will need to refer to the website for bleach/water mixing instructions.

Playground:

The playground is an outdoor classroom. The area is fenced and offers a fun variety of educational learning experiences. There are two areas that are well maintained. There is also a cement area with picnic tables. They were Nature Explore Certified in 2015 for their outdoor classroom. Monthly playground inspections are completed.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide transportation services. Many of the children receive transportation from the Trolley. The older children take some field trips. The parents provide transportation for their own child. The program has guests that visit the program.

Administrative records:
The center has all of the required postings; mandatory reporting of child abuse, no smoking, consultant information and emergency information. The center has all the required policies and procedures.
Staff files were read the record checks couldn't be located. Please email me the dates of the criminal and national record checks (fingerprinting).
Child files were read and some files didn't have current physicals and some files needed to have updated registration information.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Joy is working on IQ4K.
The center is a wonderful resource for the community. Joy is enthusiastic and creative. The center is always striving to make improvements.
Joy has been on the IAEYC board for several years. She has been a chapter representative for Green Valley IAEYC for several years.
Joy is on the church camp board. Joy drives the Trolley bus for Trinity Preschool.
The center has a fundraiser called Obstacleathon.
The staff do exceptional work with the children.
The center applies for grants for equipment and supplies for the program.

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

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Staff files were read the record checks couldn't be located. Please email me the dates of the criminal and national record checks (fingerprinting).

109.9(2): All files are updated at least annually and when a change occurs.
109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for Trinity Lutheran Preschool from 3-1-2024 to 3-1-2026.

*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.