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

Name of Center: Kingdom Kids Preschool-Sheldon Christian School **Enrollment:** 12 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 45819

Street: 1425 E 9th St **City:** Sheldon Iowa **Zip** 51201 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: 1425 E 9th St, Sheldon, IA, 51201

Director's Name: Brooke Granstra **Phone Number:** 712-324-2429

On-Site Supervisor(s): Alexis Stuit **E-Mail:** bgranstra@sheldonchristianschool.org

Date(s) of Visit: 11-04-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 09-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-11-2024

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			18		18
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-22-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 11-04-24 and spoke with Brooke Granstra, director. Ms. Granstra has an elementary education degree and several of experience working with children. Ms. Granstra is looking at handing over the director to Ms. Stuit. Ms. Stuit has an elementary degree and her first year of teaching. Kingdom Kids Preschool is housed at the Sheldon Christian School. They utilize a room on the first floor. The preschool program is for 4 year olds and operates Monday through Thursday 8:20am to 11:30am during the school year.

There are 12 children enrolled in the program. The center continues in cleaning toys daily that children use. Children have access to bathroom in the room. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

There are a sufficient number of toys, books and equipment for the number of children in the program. Toys and equipment is at the children's level and accessible. Daily schedule of activities was posted. In observing the program it appears that the staff offer a positive and nurturing environment. The center uses a creative, handwriting without tears and Christ-centered curriculum. Displayed throughout the room were shapes, colors, numbers, children's artwork and alphabet. The program is appropriate for preschool children. The facility appears well maintained. Staff had a purse where children had access to and needs to be kept out of reach of children and free of safety hazards. The program is apart of the universal preschool program.

Parents are responsible for bringing snacks. Snacks are nutritious and meet the CACFP guidelines. Radon was not available at the time of the visit. Center is all electric so furnace inspection is not needed.

The center has good hand washing procedures for staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient for minor injuries. Center has a working carbon monoxide detector. Center follows good sanitizing procedures. Fire/tornado drills are documented monthly, A playground area is located next to the school. The program put in a new preschool playground with playground equipment and fencing. Pea gravel is used for surfacing around the equipment. Sheldon Christian School maintains the playground. Shade is available on the playground. Sheldon Community School bus transports preschool children. The center does go on field trips and utilizes volunteers to help transport.

Goals of the program is to for Ms. Stuit to take over as director with the next school year and to get on the IQ4K program.

Strengths of the program is good relationship with children and their families. The program provides a quality preschool education that is Christ based. The program is also apart of the Universal Preschool Program.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends home a newsletter each week to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Center is well organized

Display children’s art work in the room.

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.
Number not in compliance: 2

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

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.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Continue working with CCRR for support.

Program will email consultant by 12-20-24 confirming that those aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.