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

Name of Center: Little Lamb Preschool **Enrollment:** 12 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6218

Street: 1844 Highland Dr **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 1844 Highland Dr, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Durene Eisenbacher **Phone Number:** 712-792-4354

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** durene@mchsi.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-06-2024

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

Date Inspected: 09-11-2023

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

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	0	0	17	0	17
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2024 to 04-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-07-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced licensing visit was made on 11-6-2024. Little Lamb Preschool is a preschool program located in one classroom within the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll, IA. 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. I met with Durene during my licensing visit.

Observation of room:
The program room looks great and has a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The children were observed during Jesus time and snack time. 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.
Two parent-teacher conferences per year are held.
The center has different agencies visit the program for presentations to children.
Please have the children wash their hands immediately before snack time.

Nutrition:
The children provide the snack, a list of suggested food items that is compliant with CACFP is given to the families.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented. The first aid kit was properly stocked. Radon testing was completed in June 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 10-29-2024.
Purell Surface 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.
The center has a washer and dryer.
The center appeared to be very clean.

Playground:
The center has a nice fenced playground area. Monthly playground safety inspections are completed.

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

Administrative records:
Staff and child files were read and were in excellent order.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

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 the 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.

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 1

V. 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.

*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.