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

Name of Center: Calvary Preschool **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21141

Street: 100 E James St **City:** Walcott Iowa **Zip** 52773 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 100 E James St, Walcott, IA, 52773

Director's Name: Charlene Knutsen **Phone Number:** 563-284-6122

On-Site Supervisor(s): Leisha Huntley **E-Mail:** calvarypreschool@mchsi.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-08-2023

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:** 12-01-2022

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

Date Inspected: 02-22-2021

Comments : Does Comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **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			26		26
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 2

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: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-10-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Calvary Preschool on 12/8/2023. The center provides care for preschool aged children. The center is open Monday and Tuesday from 9:15am to 11:45am. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:15am-2:45pm. The center has 40 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a Calvary Church. They utilize two classrooms, a large motor room, kitchen and an office. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center's fire inspection was completed on 2/22/2021 .

The director is Char Knutsen. Char started the center in 1981. She has her Child Development Associates and her National Accreditation Certificate.

The onsite supervisor is Leisha Huntley. Leisha has been with the center since 2013. She has her Child Development Associates and her National Accreditation Certificate.

This worker observed all programming space and reviewed the curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides snacks. Parents provide lunch. The center supplements when needed. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center had medications stored appropriately. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times.

The center completed radon testing as required. The center completed an annual fuel burning appliance inspection and had a carbon monoxide detector installed as required.

The center's outdoor play area was inspected.

The center offers walking field trips only. They go to the park and library.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center is participating in Iowa Quality for Kids.
-The center director has been with the preschool since 1981. The onsite supervisor has been with the center since 2013.
-Both the director and onsite supervisor have their Child Development Associates, National Accreditation Certification and are members with the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children.
-The American Legion Women's Auxiliary has partnered with the center. They offer surprise gifts to the children.
-The center is participating in the TEACH and WAGES Program.
-The center has an active parent and church board.

-The center partners with the Lion's Club for free eye screening.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.