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

Name of Center: Helping Hands Play School **Enrollment:** 31 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 42008

Street: 900 Lincolnshire Place **City:** Coralville Iowa **Zip** 52241 **County:** Johnson

Mailing Address: 1813 Weinrose Dr NE, North Liberty, IA, 52317

Director's Name: Niki Becker and Roly Neuzil **Phone Number:** 319-936-5911

On-Site Supervisor(s): Chelsea Lenoch and Elisha Moffit **E-Mail:** helpinghandsplayschool@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-15-2023

Licensing Visit X **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:** 12-20-2021

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

Date Inspected: 09-15-2022

Comments : Does Comply.

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	8	16		32
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2022 to 02-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 03-23-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Helping Hands Play School on 2/15/23. The center provides child care services for infants to preschool aged children. The center is open Monday-Friday from 7:00am to 5:30pm. The center has 31 children enrolled. The center is located inside of a church. The center is for profit. The center's fire inspection was completed on 9/15/2022.

The directors are Niki Becker and Roly Neuzil. Niki has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Niki opened the center in 2013. Roly has an Associate's Degree. She has been working at the center since 2013.

The on-site supervisors are Chelsea Lenoch and Elisha Moffit. Chelsea has been working at the center since 2013. Elisha has been working at the center since 2017.

This worker observed all program space. The infant room staff was feeding the infants lunch. The toddler room was observed eating lunch. Staff was sitting at the table with the children. In the preschool room staff and children were singing songs. They then transitioned to eating lunch.

The center uses Creative Curriculum.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center provides breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack. The center had their menu posted as required. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed. The center did practice appropriate hand washing procedures at required times. The center had a properly stocked first aid kit.

The center's playground surface is synthetic grass with fall surfacing and mulch. The center has the following on their playground: climbing structure, slides, playhouses, garden, mud kitchen, wood cookies, nature trail and sensory tables. Shade on the playground is provided by trees and the building.

The center offers walking field trips on the trails around the church.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings. The center uses ProCare for open parent communication.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-Niki, Roly and Chelsea have been with the center since 2013.
-The classrooms are clean and well organized.
-Staff did an excellent job of being at the children's level.
-The center utilizes Creative Curriculum.
-The center's child files were in full compliance.

-The preschool classroom added a new fireplace/resting space, dress up area, kitchen area and sensory table.
-Center staff have completed Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.
-One employee is in the process of completing their CDA.

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

109.6(6)d: Center repeats national criminal history checks at a minimum of every four years or when aware of additional history that occurs.
-One employee needs a National FBI check.

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained. Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.
-One employee needs Mandatory Reporter Training and First Aid.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free.
-In the toddler room there were strings longer then 12 inches. This is a strangulation hazard and must be removed.
-Sensory tables outside had water in them creating a drowning hazard. These must be emptied.
-The outside gate is not latching consistently and needs repaired.
-The outdoor play area needs to have a 6 foot fall zone. Tree stumps and toys cannot be in fall surfacing zone.
-Center staff need to follow appropriate dishwashing procedures or complete installation of the dish washer.
-The toilet seat in the toddler room needs repaired.

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://idph.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.