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

Name of Center: Calvary Preschool **Enrollment:** 35 **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: 12-12-2022

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:** 12-01-2020

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:** 12-14-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at Calvary Preschool for an annual visit on 12/12/2022. The center is nonprofit. The center provides child care to children three to five years old. The center has 35 children enrolled. The center is open Monday and Tues 9:15am-11:45am and 12:30pm-3pm. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9:15am to 2:45pm.

The center is inside of a building Calvary United Methodist Church. The center uses two classrooms, social hall, office and outdoor play area. The center's fire inspection was completed on 2/22/21.

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.

The center's curriculum is Creative Curriculum.

The center provides snack. Parents may donate. The director does make suggestions. Parents provide the children's lunch.

The center does walking field trips around the neighborhood, to the library, park and Assisted Living/Memory Care Center.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-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 there Child Development Associates and National Accreditation Certification.
-The center has collaborated with First Children’s Finance.
-Child and staff files are in full compliance.
-Char Knutsen and Leisha Huntley have their Child Development Associate's Credential.
-Char Knutsen and Leisha Huntley are members in good standing of the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children and the National Association for the Education of Young Children Membership.
-The American Legion Women's Auxiliary has partnered with the center. They offer surprise gifts to the children.
-The center's child files were in full compliance.
-The center is participating in the TEACH and WAGES Program.
-The center has an active parent and church board.

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

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.
-One employee needed a physical.

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.
-One employee needed current Mandatory Reporter Training.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. The center is directed to correct the items listed in Section IV. The director gave me a verbal commitment that the noted rule violations would be promptly corrected. 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.