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

Name of Center: Noah's Ark Preschool **Enrollment:** 67 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21153

Street: 337 W Lotte St **City:** Blue Grass Iowa **Zip** 52726 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: PO BOX 370, Blue Grass, IA, 52726

Director's Name: Sara Seburg **Phone Number:** 563-381-1701

On-Site Supervisor(s): Stephanie Diekema and Natalie Pilgrim **E-Mail:** noahsarkbg@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-15-2023

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:** 10-06-2021

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

Date Inspected: 09-13-2023

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			58		58
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 09-21-2023

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Noah's Ark Preschool on 9/15/2023. The center provides preschool with wrap around services for children 3-5 years. The center is open Monday-Friday 8:45am to 11:45am and 12:30pm-3:15pm. The center has 67 children enrolled. The center is located inside of Blue Grass Presbyterian Church. The center's fire inspection was completed on 9/13/2023. The center uses two classrooms and fellowship hall.

The director is Sara Seburg. Sara has a Master's Degree in Educator License. Sara started in 2007.

The onsite supervisors are Stephanie Diekema and Natalie Pilgrim. Stephanie has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She started in 2012. Natalie started in September 2011. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Public Relations.

Nutritional practices were checked. The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The center provides breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. 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 had a properly stocked first aid kit. The center did practice fire, tornado and emergency drills as required. 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 does go on one field trip a year. They have parents go with. They went to the Children's Museum or Botanical Center.

The center's policies, licensing notebook, staff files and child files were reviewed. The center also had required postings. The center communicates with parents via the following app: Brightwheel.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center is participating in a voluntary program called Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). The center received a $3,000 grant for technology.
-The center utilizes Brightwheel for open communication.
-The center offers Yoga.
-The center had the teachers complete all trainings required for Iowa Quality for Kids.
-The center's outdoor area is certified as a Nature Explore Classroom.
-The center has Iowa Quality Rating Level 4 until 6/30/2025.
-The center uses the following curriculum: Social Skills Curriculum is Second Step; Language Arts Curriculum is Little Treasures; Math Curriculum is Everyday Mathematics. They use GOLDS®, Wonders and Growing with Math Assessments.

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://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.