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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Miss Wendy's Preschool

Provider No.: 18066

Address: 118 S Main St, Huxley, IA, 50124

County: Story

Director's Name: Wendy Dubberke

On-Site Supervisor: Larin Hermanson

Phone Number: 5155973478

E-Mail: Wendy.dubberke@hotmail.com

HHS Visit Date: 05/01/2026

Licensing Period: 05/01/2026 to 05/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 02/21/2024

Comments: Fire inspections are due at least every three years. Completed by Dept of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing (Andrew McCall)

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Tuesday		8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Wednesday		8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Thursday		8:30 AM to 3:30 PM	
Friday			
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			22		22
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced visit was completed 5/12/26. The Director and assistant director were present for the visit.

Miss Wendy's Preschool has been owned and operated by Wendy Dubberke since 1980. She has been the only director. Since 2013, the assistant director has been Wendy's daughter, Larin Hermanson. Larin received her degree in Early Childhood in 2013.

Miss Wendy's preschool is licensed for year-round programming and for the summer of 2026, is operating for only school-year.

Sessions are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM or 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Room observation/activities: Miss Wendy's has been collaborating with the school district since 2010 to provide the universal preschool program. All the preschools in Huxley participate in this partnership with the school district. . The program uses the Creative Curriculum, as well as Haggerty and IGIDS curriculum. The children were content and engaged in a group lead activity with the assistant director. This center offers a good variety of age/developmentally appropriate centers.

Nutrition Practices: This program does not serve snack/lunch due to the programming times, children will have eaten prior to attending.

Transportation: The program offers transportation to and from child care if needed for sessions.

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Playground: There is a park steps from the center that the children will occasionally use for outdoor play.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This is a well established preschool that has been in the community for many years.

Wendy indicated that the program offers play time which is important for the developmental growth of children, and lots of learning takes place when children are playing.

Wendy and Larin work well together and are a good team.

The children are ready for kindergarten and the preschool receives positive feedback from the schools.

The preschool offers conferences twice a year and the preschool conducts early literacy indicators for the children.

The preschool has a Facebook page and sends out weekly newsletters to parents.

The program has strong enrollment.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

109.6(4)c--program repeats state background checks every two year at least (SING)
-SING repeat checks were needed; the director indicated difficulty in accessing the database
-The program was sent a help sheet to assist in regaining access to to the SING data base (Iowa Background checks)
-The director will run check as soon as able and provide that information to licensing
-This is very unusual for the center as this center is highly compliant with all licensing regulations through the years

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Radon testing is now due every five years if the test is under the 4.0 cutoff. The center last completed radon testing in April of 2023 and all rooms fell below the 4.0 cutoff.

Targeted Assessment: Behavior Management
I discussed with the center director their oversight of behavior management related to helping childcare staff: 1) Understand expectations, 2) managing frustrations, 3) monitor performance. The director and assistant director discussed utilizing distraction as de-escalation techniques. The director and assistant director have completed or are shortly to complete on-going training specifically to assist teachers and providers with learning positive behavior management techniques.

Date: 05/22/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Maggie Gibson, SWIV

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Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.