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

Name of Center: B-F Pre-Kindergarten **Enrollment:** 12 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28429

Street: 502 N Main St **City:** Bridgewater Iowa **Zip** 50837 **County:** Adair

Mailing Address: 502 N Main St, Bridgewater, IA, 50837

Director's Name: Kristen Walker **Phone Number:** 641-745-5155

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** kristenkwalker@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-08-2023

Licensing Visit X **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received **Yes** **No** X **NA** **Date Signed:**

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

Date Inspected: 10-06-2021

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years.

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	0	0	30	0	30
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 11-09-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to B-F Pre-Kindergarten on 11-8-2023. The preschool is non-profit and overseen by a Board. Kristen Walker is the director, and her family purchased the school building several years ago from the school district. B-F Pre-Kindergarten is a small preschool program for children ages three through five years old. The preschool is located in the old Nodaway Elementary School in Bridgewater, IA. Classes are held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Kristen has been the director and lead teacher since 2002. Kristen has her CDA, BA degree in Elementary Education and has several reading and prekindergarten endorsements. Kristen is also the director at Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool in Greenfield Iowa. Hailey is the assistant teacher, she also works at Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool in Greenwood Iowa.
I met with the director, Kristen Walker. There are 12 children enrolled in the program.

Observation of rooms:
Both program rooms looked great and have a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. There were ten children and two staff present. Kristen was reading the children a book and then having snack time. The staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The preschool uses Creative Learning Curriculum, Owls Learning Curriculum, and Handwriting Without Tears Learning Curriculum.
Kristen has lesson plans/activities.
The center provides full events throughout the year i.e. Christmas program, grandparents night, a dinner, carnival, gals night and guys night.
Kristen is working on IQ4K.

Nutrition:
The center provides the daily snack. Kristen said she follows the CACFP food program guidelines and they have a snack menu.

Health and safety:
Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.
The center uses bleach/water for sanitizing.
Radon testing was completed in March 2023 with a test result of 3.8 pCi/L. Radon testing is required every two years and must be under
4.0 pCi/L.
Kristen if your building has fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection. 109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034. You had previously reported that the building has all electric appliances - therefore you wouldn't need an annual fuel burning inspection. Please determine if the building is all electric not requiring an annual fuel burning inspection or if the building has fuel burning appliances you will need an annual fuel burning inspection.

Playground:
The center has a playground area and monthly inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The center doesn't provide daily transportation services. The program takes walking field trips in the area. In the past they have taken one field trip at the end of the year to the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines. Parents are responsible for their child's transportation to this field trip.

Administrative records:
Staff files were read and were in excellent order. Child files were read - two child immunizations need to be on the Iowa form. Kristen said the public health nurse will review the immunizations in January 2024 and she can put the immunizations on the Iowa form.
Kristen maintains excellent communication with parents and provides a monthly calendar/newsletter of events and a weekly note. Parent teacher conferences are held twice a year.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Your program is a wonderful resource for the community. The preschool is family owned. Kristen Walker has many years of experience in preschool/child care and education fields, she has her CDA and her Elementary Education Degree with Reading and Pre K endorsements. She is confident as the director and is very enthusiastic and proud of her centers. She is organized and maintains licensing documentation in a binder. Kristen is the director at Immanuel Little Lambs Preschool in Greenfield, IA.
Kristen and Hailey had excellent interactions with the children.

The center has participated in dental and vision screenings for the children.
The center has a couple fundraisers a year that has been very successful - a drive through supper and ordering items.

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

109.9(3): Signed and dated Iowa immunization certificates are on file for each child enrolled.
Number invalid: 2
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V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 11-1-2022 -11-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 11-8-2023.

*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.