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

Name of Center: Adventure-Life Preschool **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28356

Street: 1700 8th St SW **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1700 8th St SW, Altoona, IA, 50009

Director's Name: Brenda Humble **Phone Number:** 515-957-8981

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** preschool@adventurelife.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-31-2023

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:** 01-07-2022

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

Date Inspected: 01-25-2021

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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			71		71
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2022 to 03-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 02-07-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Adventure Life Preschool has been in operation since 1988. The center is located in the Adventure Life Reformed Church and is owned and operated under the church's governing board. The center uses several classroom areas for programming. There is a secured entrance. This preschool is for children ages three through five years. Brenda Humble is the director. She began in this role in February 2022. Brenda has been employed at the preschool since 1998. She has an AA degree in Early Childhood Education. Prior to being the director, Brenda was an on-site supervisor.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to DHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the preschool's entrance. Schedules and lesson plans are in each classroom. Each classroom has age appropriate furnishings, supplies, toys and interest centers in place.

Brenda was present and she assisted with the visit today. There were children from Green Frogs, Red Birds and Brown Bears present. The extended learning class was being held during the visit. There were nine children from the Green Frogs. There were twelve children from the Red Birds and Brown Birds. There were six staff working today. Children were observed having lunch. Children were also observed during child directed play and learning time. Staff were assisting children with their activities. Interactions between the staff and children were observed to be positive.

The center serves snack during programming. Children who attend extended learning bring their own lunches. The center provides parents with CACFP lunch requirements and supplement and offer additional food items when needed.

The center has an outdoor playground. There is fencing around the playground. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The church is very supportive of the preschool. Several of the staff have been at the preschool for several years. The preschool has classrooms that have several interest centers that are well supplied with age appropriate learning and play materials. The preschool has a spacious room designated for large motor play activities.

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

109.6(6)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.

Some staff didn't have current SING checks. Brenda was checking on these as she thought she had sent what was required.

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. 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.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
Two staff hired in fall 2022 haven't completed all mandatory trainings.

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.
Two staff hired in fall 2022 don't have current physicals on file.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

Administrative records was discussed with Brenda. She understands the importance of current and complete administrative records. She is working on getting all files complete.

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