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

Name of Center: Little Lamb Preschool **Enrollment:** 10 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6218

Street: 1844 Highland Dr **City:** Carroll Iowa **Zip** 51401 **County:** Carroll

Mailing Address: 1844 Highland Dr, Carroll, IA, 51401

Director's Name: Durene Eisenbacher **Phone Number:** 712-792-4354

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

Date(s) of Visit: 03-07-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-03-2022

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

Date Inspected: 06-03-2020

Comments : State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years. The program will be due again this summer, 2023 for another inspection.

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	0	0	17	0	17
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 04-01-2022 to 04-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 03-08-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An off-year visit was conducted on 3/7/23. The director was present throughout this visit as was her assistant.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Little Lamb Preschool is a preschool program located in one classroom within the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll, IA. The preschool serves children ages three, four, and five years in age during the school year. Classes are held on Monday - Thursday. There are not any Friday classes. Classes are from 8:00am-11:00 this school year. The center is currently exploring to see if enough enrollment to again have PM classes next school from 12:30pm - 3:30pm. The preschool utilizes parts of the Creative Learning Curriculum in combination with their Bible Teaching Curriculum. All children are required to be toilet trained before becoming enrolled.

The preschool is overseen by a Board. The director and lead teacher of the program is Durene Eisenbacher. Durene has been with this program since 2006.

During the visit, children were observed in a variety of activities from sitting down for snack (children stated they washed their hands prior to sitting down) and in a large group activity going over the letters of the alphabet that was being facilitated by the assistant teacher.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The classroom has air conditioning, and in the past, they did not.

There is a washer and dryer on site and again, in the past, they did not.

The center appeared to be very clean and nicely decorated.

Communication with parents is stressed. Parents receive monthly notifications on preschool activities including a monthly newsletter. There are also two parent-teacher conferences per year.

The preschool has a good working relationship with the church and church personnel.

The preschool is mentioned within the church website for some additional information on their services.

The director and her staff have been with the preschool for a number of years. What keeps them here is their love for working with children, children's families, and their jobs in general. The director and her assistant stated they have a really good working relationship with each other as well. Both individuals stated their jobs are rewarding to them.

Children and staff were overhead and seen throughout the visit in positive dialogue with each other. Children were inquisitive, would ask questions, and then complete projects with staff direction.

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

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.
Number not in compliance: 1 staff member is slightly past due for renewing Mandatory Reporter.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing was last conducted 5/26/22 - 5/28/22. Radon levels in the classroom came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Since below 4.0, the program can now test every five years.

The annual furnace inspection was last conducted 10/24/22.

At this time, the only field trips taken are bringing different agencies into the program for presentations to children.

New ratio requirements were discussed at the visit when only one staff can be present.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed during the visit.

An updated staff tracking sheet was emailed to the director after the visit concluded.

*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.