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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Kingdom Kids Preschool-Sheldon Christian School

Provider No.: 45819

Address: 1425 E 9th St, Sheldon, IA, 51201

County: Obrien

Director's Name: Alexis Stuit

On-Site Supervisor: Kayla Keen

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HHS Visit Date: 11/06/2025

Licensing Period: 11/01/2025 to 11/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 09/11/2024

Comments:

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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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

I completed an unannounced visit to the Kingdom Kids preschool in Sheldon IA on 11/06/25. I was able to speak with their director, Alexis Stuit. Ms.Stuit has
an elementary degree and is in her second year of teaching. Kingdom Kids Preschool is housed at the Sheldon Christian School. They utilize 2 rooms on the first floor. The preschool program is for 4-year-old children and operates Monday through Thursday 8:20am to 11:30am during the school year. They have added an afternoon class Monday through Thursday 12:00 pm -3:10 pm with an early out of 2:10 pm on Wednesday.

There are 22 children enrolled in the program and 14 present at the time of my visit in the morning and 8 children in the afternoon. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

The classroom is thoughtfully arranged and well-equipped with a wide variety of toys, books, and learning materials that are appropriate for the number of children enrolled. All items are placed at the children's level, making them easily accessible and encouraging independent exploration. A clearly posted daily schedule provides structure and consistency, supporting a well-organized and predictable learning environment.

During observation, staff were seen engaging with children in a warm, nurturing, and developmentally supportive manner. The program incorporates a blend of Creative Curriculum, Handwriting Without Tears, and a Christ-centered approach, offering a well-rounded foundation that nurtures both academic and spiritual growth. The learning environment is visually rich, with displays of shapes, colors, numbers, the alphabet, and children's artwork proudly showcased throughout the room—reflecting both the curriculum and the children's creativity.

Ms. Stuit has demonstrated a strong commitment to professional growth, having completed extensive training in hands-on learning and the arts. She is actively working to integrate these approaches into her teaching, enhancing the classroom experience with more engaging, creative, and experiential learning opportunities.

Parents provide daily snacks, which are nutritious and align with the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) guidelines, ensuring children receive healthy and balanced options. Please provide thermometer for your fridge and freezer space in the classroom.

The center demonstrates strong health and safety practices. Effective handwashing procedures are consistently followed by both staff and children, promoting a hygienic environment. A well-stocked first aid kit is available and sufficient for addressing minor injuries. The center is also equipped with a functioning carbon monoxide detector, further supporting a

safe indoor environment. Regular sanitizing procedures are in place and appear to be followed diligently.

Emergency preparedness is well-documented, with monthly fire and tornado drills conducted and recorded. Outdoor play is supported by a designated playground area located adjacent to the school. The program recently installed a new preschool playground, complete with age-appropriate equipment, secure fencing, and pea gravel surfacing to enhance safety. The playground is maintained by Sheldon Christian School, and shaded areas are available to protect children during outdoor activities.

Transportation is provided by the Sheldon Community School bus for preschool children. The center also organizes field trips and utilizes approved volunteers to assist with transportation, ensuring children have access to enriching experiences beyond the classroom. Radon testing, furnace inspection are up to date. Monthly fire drills, tornado drills and playground inspections have been completed regularly.

Goals of the program is to increase enrollment and begin IQ4K certification.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

Staff were observed engaging positively and meaningfully with the children, fostering a supportive and responsive learning environment. The program maintains regular communication with families and benefits from strong parental involvement and support.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.9(1)a: All files contain:Copy of a department criminal history record check form or any other permission form approved by Department of Public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history record checkCopy of a request for child abuse information form, when applicable.Copies of results of Iowa record checks conducted through the SING for review by the department upon request.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any department issued documents sent to the center related to a record check, regardless of findings.

109.9(2)d: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.

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

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

I will make a referral to CCR&R for continued assistance with IQ4K. I also note that staff needs to have their information included in their IPOWER account. Alexis does need to request the Director Role. CCR&R will also assist to ensure that preschool is complying with HHS expectation.

FBI checks need to be completed every 4 years. SING checks need to be completed every 2

Program will email consultant by 12/31/25 confirming that those aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

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Date: 11/10/2025

HHS Licensing Consultant: Leann Steinhauer

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.

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