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

Name of Center: Siouxland Christian Preschool **Enrollment:** 104 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51505

Street: 5977 Gordon Drive **City:** Sioux City Iowa **Zip** 51106 **County:** Woodbury

Mailing Address: 5977 Gordon DR, Sioux City, IA, 51106

Director's Name: Laura Wright **Phone Number:** 712-224-4784

On-Site Supervisor(s): Amy Jarvosky **E-Mail:** lwright@siouxlandchristian.org

Date(s) of Visit: 12-13-2022

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-30-2021

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

Date Inspected: 04-27-2022

Comments :

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.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summary Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General		38	74	20	132
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2021 to 01-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 12-14-2022

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 12-14-22 and spoke Laura Wright who became director as of 03-01-22 as Katie Trimble, resigned and is now the elementary school principal at Siouxland Christian School. Laura, had been the onsite supervisor for the new program which began in August 2021. Laura also has a degree in Mass Communication and a couple years working with children. Amy Jarvosky is also now the onsite supervisor as of 03-01-22. Amy had been the director for afterschool kids when the program was located at Siouxland Christian School.

Siouxland Christian Preschool and Childcare opened on 08-23-21. The Center serves ages 2years old to 12 years old. Siouxland Christian Preschool & childcare has 8 rooms, two-2 year old rooms; three- 3 year old rooms, and two 4/5 preschool rooms. As well as a school age room. The center operates year around Monday through Friday 6:30am to 6:00pm.

There are 104 children enrolled in the program, however, there were 84 children were present at the time of the visit. The director was present throughout the visit. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. Given the current corona-virus pandemic, time was spent on discussing how the center is managing. The center is following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use. Center follows the Siouxland Christian School calendar. They have implemented a couple of professional development days into their schedule to allow staff to get necessary trainings completed. They also offer a summer program for the school agers K-5th grade and do academics in the morning and a couple of field trips in the afternoon.

The center has the following areas throughout the rooms for the children to explore and learn: toys, books, cars, kitchen, puzzles and blocks. During this visit observed the children participating in the following activities: free play(during this time children can explore the various centers throughout the room), lunch, and stories read to the children. Children have access to bathrooms. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the rooms were shapes and children's artwork. Observed staff engaging children in conversations throughout the day, playing with the children, reminding children of the rules, reading stories to the children and sitting with the children during mealtimes. Staff interact with the children in a positive manner and actively help them in all their endeavors. Mat or Cots need to be covered when children rest or sleep.

Lunches are provided by Siouxland Christian School and prepped onsite in the kitchen. The school delivers lunches to the site(which is less than a mile away from the program). They are currently not apart of the CACFP program. Parents provide breakfast and snacks which need to follow CACFP guidelines(reminder for director). Food storage needs to be in sealed container and dated. Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition for lunches. Menus were posted.
Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication. Tables were cleaned. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient

to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Heating is all electric. Radon tests completed and in normal range. Good sanitary procedures are followed. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place. Center has a security system for the new building.

Center Playground
The center has a fenced-in playground in back of the center. Playground has an alley to cross to the fenced in playground which they put stop signs out and have a crosswalk.
The playground has climbing equipment, tricycles, slides, a playhouse, riding toys, and picnic tables. They also have a grassy area. Shredded rubber is around the climbing equipment. Monthly playground inspection is completed. Center recently added a Shade structure to the playground.

Transportation:
The program provides transportation with buses from the Siouxland Christian School. They also use their buses for any fieldtrips that the K-5th grade would do.

The center uses Becca - Christian based curriculum and Handwriting without Tears. Center does staff meetings regularly.

The director feels her staff is what are the strengths of the center. Center's core staff have been working with children for a couple of years. Staff have a good relationship with the children/parent's and work good as a team. Staff also really love the kids and follow a spiritual base curriculum. Center uses Bright Wheel app to document diapering, kids activities, communication, and billing with parents.

Goals of the center: Laura is looking at getting onto the IQ4K and seeing if eligible for the food program. For all staff to get trained in PBIS. The center is looking at changing staff from hourly wages to salary. They would also like to offer 1/2 day preschool and retain good quality staff.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.
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Display children's art work in the room.

Staff showed positive interactions with the children and participated in the children's activities.

Center has cameras throughout the building.

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 trainings need to be completed within first 90 days of employment. Mandatory reporting was missing.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.10(1)b: School-age (for children five years and older and enrolled in school): Annual statement of health status signed by parent is submitted prior to admission, certifies that the child is free of communicable disease, and lists allergies, medications and acute/chronic conditions.
Number not in compliance: 4

109.12(4): Sufficient toilet articles are provided for handwashing. Sufficient and safe indoor play equipment, materials, and furniture that conforms with CPSC or ASTM. Play equipment, materials, and furniture meet the developmental, activity, and special needs of the children. Room’s arrangement does not obstruct the direct observation of children.
Individual covered mats, beds, or cots, and appropriate bedding is provided for all children who nap. Procedures are developed and implemented to maintain equipment and materials in a sanitary manner. Sufficient spacing is maintained between equipment to reduce transmission of disease and allow ease of movement by children and staff to respond to activities and care needs. Sanitary procedures are followed for use and storage of personal hygiene articles.
Additional concerns: Cots or mats need to be covered for children to lay on for napping.

109.15(4)c: Perishable foods brought from home are maintained to avoid contamination or spoilage.
Lunch boxes brought from home should be put in the refrigerator for proper storage and any open crackers/cereals also need to be stored in a sealed container and dated.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center will email consultant confirming that items that are below standard have been corrected by 01-15-23.

A full license is recommended at this time.

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

*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.