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

Name of Center: Discovery Time Preschool **Enrollment:** 16 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28365

Street: 210 3rd St NW **City:** Mitchellville Iowa **Zip** 50169 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: PO Box 487, Mitchellville, IA, 50169

Director's Name: Miranda Rueckert **Phone Number:** 515-967-4286

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** discoverytimeprek@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-27-2023

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:** 09-19-2022

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

Date Inspected: 11-09-2021

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			35		35
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2022 to 10-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-18-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Discovery Time Preschool has been in operation since 1984. The preschool is located in and sponsored by the Mitchellville Christian Church. The entrance is locked. The preschool uses a few classrooms within the church and also an outdoor playground. Miranda Rueckert is the director. Miranda started as director in September 2022. She has a Bachelors degree in Elementary Music Education. Miranda has previous child care experience prior to coming to Discovery Time Preschool.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. The lesson plan, "Our Feelings" was available. The classroom schedule is posted. The center has a monthly newsletter. The classroom is well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, learning materials and toys. The preschool has several labeled learning centers set up in the classroom. Children's art work is displayed in the classroom and hallway.

Miranda was present and she assisted today. There was one additional staff working today. There were twelve children in attendance today. Children were observed during center time, child directed play activities and group learning time. Staff led activities about the letter "I" during group time.

The center serves snack during programming. On Wednesdays, children bring a lunch. The center has CACFP information and are aware that lunches are supposed to meet CACFP requirements. Snacks served by the preschool meet CACFP requirements. Snack served today was graham crackers, apple sauce and water.

The playground has fencing. There is rubber tile mulch where surfacing is needed. The center completes monthly playground checks.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Miranda has a Bachelors degree and several years experience working with young children. The classroom is well furnished with age appropriate furnishings and toys. The church is very supportive of the preschool. The center uses the See Saw app for communicating with parents.

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

There were no licensing violations cited during today's visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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