

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

Name of Center: St John's Christian Preschool **Enrollment:** 28 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 6106

Street: 815 E Division St **City:** Audubon **Iowa Zip** 50025 **County:** Audubon

Mailing Address: PO Box 123, Audubon, IA, 50025

Director's Name: Jennifer Mosinski **Phone Number:** 712-563-2114

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** jsmosinski5@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 05-09-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X NA

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

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

Date Inspected: 03-02-2021

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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			31		31
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

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: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 05-16-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to St. John's Christian Preschool on 5-9-2023. The preschool is located in the St. John's Lutheran Church basement. The preschool opened in 1978. The program operates under the Church Board of Education. I met with the director, Jennifer Mosinski. She has been employed at the preschool since 2010 and became the director in January 2014. Jennifer has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, Secondary Teaching and Coaching. There are 32 children enrolled in the program. Preschool sessions are held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.

Observation of room:

The program space is a nice large spacious area arranged into fun and inviting activity centers. The children were having fun playing in the activity centers. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children. The program has a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment that are rotated each month.

The center uses Creative Curriculum, Second Step curriculum and Jennifer develops the lesson plans/activities and includes a Bible story theme with a letter. The program offers small group activities and can focus on individual time with the children. Parent teacher conferences are held during the year. Goals and progress are discussed. Jennifer prepares a monthly newsletter for the parents.

Nutrition:

The preschool provides a nutritious snack each day, menus are posted. Proper food storage was observed.

Health and safety:

A radon exhaust system was installed in 2007. Radon testing was done in September 2022 and had a test result of 3.2 pCi/L. The center practices and documents monthly fire and tornado drills. Jennifer reported an annual fuel burning inspection was completed and she needs to get the receipt with the date. No children are prescribed medication during the brief period of time they are at preschool. The first aid kit was properly stocked. The center has a carbon monoxide detector. They center has an emergency preparedness plan.

Clorox Anywhere is used for sanitizing.

Playground:

The center has a fenced playground area. They have a shed and a trunk to store equipment, a sand table, tree stumps and other toys. They don't have equipment that requires surfacing.

Monthly playground safety checks are completed.

Transportation:

The program doesn't offer transportation services. They take one field trip a year to the pumpkin patch in Denison, IA and a school bus is rented for the trip. Walking field trips are taken and guest speakers visit the program.

Administrative records:

The center had the required postings. The center has all of the required policies and procedures.

Mary Svobada continues to be the associate teacher, she began working at the center in December 2021.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Jennifer has excellent skills as the director, she is organized, enthusiastic and excited about the program. Jennifer and Mary work well together and they have wonderful interactions with the children.
The preschool is an excellent resource for the community.
The center participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and has a level 3, they have started the paper work for the new IQ4K program.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for St. John's Christian Preschool for 3-1-2022 to 3-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 5-9-2023.

Your fire marshal inspection will expire on 3-2-2024, make sure you get an updated approved inspection next year by that date.

*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.