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

Name of Center: Seeds Of Faith Early Learning Center **Enrollment:** 90 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28319

Street: 10395 University Ave **City:** Clive Iowa **Zip** 50325 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 10395 University Ave, Clive, IA, 50325

Director's Name: Jennifer Mauro/Christina Rostermundt **Phone Number:** 515-689-8334

On-Site Supervisor(s): Janet Mack/Christine Kennedy **E-Mail:** seedsoffaith@faithlc.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-20-2023

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:** 03-02-2022

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

Date Inspected: 08-29-2022

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.) X 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			53		53
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 5

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2022 to 05-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Debbie Hammer **Date:** 04-24-2023

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 4/20/23. Jennifer, co-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.

Seeds of Faith Early Learning Center has been in operation since 2001. The preschool is located within the Faith Lutheran Church, which owns and operates the preschool. The preschool uses three primary classrooms and also has a large motor play area room. The preschool has an outdoor playground. There is a secured entrance to the preschool area. Jennifer Mauro is the Director, starting in this position in March of 2020. Jennifer has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and over 10 years of experience teaching in a preschool setting. Christina Rostermundt is a co-director and Janet Mack and Christine Kennedy serve as the on-site supervisors. All have Bachelor's degrees in education and several years experience in a preschool setting. They meet qualifications for these roles.

The preschool offers sessions for two year old children, three year old children and pre-K children. There are three sessions offered for the two year old children and the parents can choose between either a one day session, a two day session or have their child attend three days. These are all offered from 9:15 am to 11:15 am or on Friday until 11:45 am. There are three separate sessions offered for three year old children and two sessions offered for the pre-K children. This is a school year only program. The program added a Pre-K plus extended day program, children can attend all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 3 pm.

The preschool has a Board of Directors. The preschool uses the Creative Curriculum.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in QRS and has a five star rating, this is based on a rating scale of 1 - 5 stars.

All of the teachers have a Bachelor's degree and the lead teachers are all certified in early childhood education. Two lead teachers have a Master's degree. The teachers work well together and are a strong team. There are many long term teachers at this preschool, with 13 years, 12 years and 10 years.

The teachers have built in planning every week and once a month there is a teacher collaboration. The teachers also incorporate an area of study every school year.

The preschool has a community and family atmosphere. The teachers know the children and the families well and communicate well with the families.

The preschool offers family events, and the preschool will have parties and events for the children. The center has a

Spring Family Event, and will have a Mother's Day Tea Party at the center.

The preschool has a website and a Facebook page. A monthly newsletter is sent to the families. A private Facebook page was started last year for each classroom to post pictures and updates.

The preschool purchased walkie talkies to assist with communication between classrooms and playground area.

The preschool continues to strive for excellence and quality of care.

The directors and on-site supervisors are a strong team and work well together, providing strong leadership.

The program has strong enrollment and has high enrollment for next school year.

The program put in a new playground, with new turf and equipment, a new sand box and new flower beds.

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

109.10(3)a: All medications shall be stored in original containers with physician or pharmacist directions. Labels should be intact and stored so they are inaccessible to children and public. Nonprescription medications shall be labeled with the child's name.
A prescription medication at the center was not stored in the original container with the label with physician or pharmacist directions.

109.10(3)b: For every day an authorization for medication is in effect and child is in attendance, there shall be a notation of administration including the name of medicine, date, time, dosage, given or applied, and the initials of the person administering the medication or the reason the medication was not given.
Two prescription medications at the center did not have an authorization signed by the parent/guardian to administer the medication.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Radon testing is now due every five years if testing is under the 4.0 cutoff. The last radon test was completed on 4/28/21 and all rooms tested fell below the 4.0 cutoff. The director recently purchased testing kits and will repeat radon testing soon.

The director will obtain the container/label for the prescription medication, as well as the authorization signed by the parent/guardian. A sample authorization form was sent to the director after the visit.

The preschool will be getting new flooring in classrooms and some new cabinets this summer.

*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.