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

Name of Center: Noah's Ark Preschool **Enrollment:** 58 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21153

Street: 337 W Lotte St **City:** Blue Grass Iowa **Zip** 52726 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: PO BOX 370, Blue Grass, IA, 52726

Director's Name: Sara Seburg **Phone Number:** 563-381-1701

On-Site Supervisor(s): Stephanie Diekema and Natalie Pilgrim **E-Mail:** noahsarkbg@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 12-09-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 09-13-2023

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

Date Inspected: 09-13-2023

Comments : Does comply.

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.) 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			58		58
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 12-11-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at NOAH'S ARK PRESCHOOL - 21153 on 12/9/24 for an annual visit. The fire inspection was completed on 9/13/2023. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center serves preschool aged children. The center is open during the school year. The hours of operation are Monday-Thursday 7:30am-4:00pm and Friday 8:50am-11:30am. Their current enrollment is 58.

The director is Sara Seberg. She started in 8/2010. Sara has a Master's in Educational Technology, a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, Reading and Early Childhood Education Endorsements.

The onsite supervisors are Natalie Pilgrim and Stephanie Diekema. Natalie Pilgrim started in 9/2011. She has a Bachelor's in Marketing. Stephanie Diekema started in 9/2011. She has a Master's in Administration and a Bachelor's in Elementary Educations with Early Childhood Endorsement.

This worker observed all programming space in the center and outdoor area to ensure that the environment was safe, sanitary and hazard free. The center is located in a church. The center uses 2 classrooms and the fellowship hall. The center’s playground includes: climbing structure, riding toys, balls, sensory, art, blocks, crawling, bouncing, hula hoops, push and pull toys, dramatic play, music and reading.

Health and safety practices were also reviewed including handwashing, medication management, appropriate cleaning/sanitizing/disinfecting, excluding ill children/staff, incident reports, and first aid kits
.
Nutritional practices and food safety were observed. The center is on the Child and Adult Care Food Program. The center offers breakfast, morning snack, lunch and afternoon snack.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed. The center does communicate with parents via: Brightwheel, writing, email, in-person communication, conferences and weekly updates.

The center’s curriculum is teacher created with a blend of: Haggerdy, Creative Curriculum, Everyday Math and Funny Daffer.

The center does offer field trips. Examples include: Family Museum, Elementary School, and library. Local first responders visit the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center utilizes Brightwheel for open communication.
-The center has a certified Nature Explore Playground.

-This is the center's second year participating in a voluntary site-wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).
-The center is the only licensed preschool with wrap around care.
-The center has Level 4 Iowa Quality for Kids. There are 15 centers in Scott County that participate in this quality rating program. Two have Level 1. None have Level 2. Nine have Level 3. Four are Level 4. None are Level 5.
-The center has done an excellent job of maintaining staff: Chris F started in 2007. Sarah S and Becca W started in 2010. Natalie P and Stephanie D started in 2011.
Ashley F started in 2017. Amanda S started in 2018.

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

The center was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period. As a director, on-site supervisor, or child care staff it is vital that you know and understand all licensing standards and procedures. The licensing regulation checklist can be found by visiting: https://iowaccrr.org/resources/files/BGP/71%20Licensing_Chklist_3940.pdf

This worker will conduct at least one unannounced visit each year. This worker encourages you to establish a working relationship with your local Child Care Resource Consultant (CCR&R) and your local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC).

Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) provides professional development and consultation services that support the child care business's ability to achieve and maintain regulatory status in good standing and work to achieve and maintain performance at higher quality levels in Iowa's Quality Rating and Improvement. To find your center's CCR&R consultant visit: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/

Healthy Child Care Iowa is a statewide publicly funded program to improve the health and safety of children while they are enrolled in child care and early education settings. Child care nurse consultants are registered nurses who provide consultation, training, and technical assistance on health and safety policies, health programs, health of personnel, and specific child health or safety issues. To find your center's CCNC consultant visit: https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/programs-and-services/child-care/hcci

*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.