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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Discovery Time Preschool

Provider No.: 28365

Address: 210 3rd St NW, Mitchellville, IA, 50169

County: Polk

Director's Name: Amy Haus

On-Site Supervisor:

Phone Number: 5159674286

E-Mail: discoverytimeprek@gmail.com

HHS Visit Date: 10/01/2026

Licensing Period: 10/01/2026 to 10/01/2028

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 11/05/2024

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [ ] Year-Round
- [X] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday		9:00 AM to 12:30 PM	
Tuesday		9:00 AM to 12:30 PM	
Wednesday		9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	
Thursday		9:00 AM to 12:30 PM	
Friday		9:00 AM to 12:30 PM	
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [ ] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General			35		35
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

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 has one classroom. The preschool uses another room for large motor activities. The preschool also has a playground. Amy Haus is the director. She's been the director since 2024.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. Current enrollment is 16. All areas subject to HHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. The schedule is posted. A lesson plan was available for viewing. 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. The sensory table had corn, corn cobs, small pumpkins, tractors and trucks. Children's belongings are kept on hooks in the hallways. Children's artwork is displayed in the hallway and in the classroom.

Amy assisted with today's visit. Two staff were working today. Eleven children were present today. Children were observed during child directed play and learning times and lunch. Staff assisted children and played alongside children during the visit.

The center serves snack during programming. Children bring their own lunches. The center provides the parents information on CACFP so lunches can meet CACFP requirements. The center is aware they are to supplement lunches if needed. The snack menu was reviewed and meets CACFP requirements.

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

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The center doesn't provide transportation.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

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.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.6(4)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
One staff had an overdue Iowa record check.
This was being done today.

09.9(2)d All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
A few children's files were missing dental information.

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

NA

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email melinda.larson@hhs.iowa.gov) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

*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.

Date: 10/05/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant

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