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

Name of Center: Hope Ankeny Preschool **Enrollment:** 108 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 51165

Street: 520 NW 36th St **City:** Ankeny Iowa **Zip** 50023 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 520 NW 36th St, Ankeny , IA, 50023

Director's Name: Ariel Patton **Phone Number:** 515-964-5586

On-Site Supervisor(s): N/A **E-Mail:** jody.hufford@hopewdm.org, ariel.patton@hopeankeny.org

Date(s) of Visit: 01-11-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-10-2023

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

Date Inspected: 01-24-2022

Comments : Ankeny Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years for licensing requirements.

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.) 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	0	12	66	0	78
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2023 to 02-02-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 01-11-2023

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 1/11/23. The director of the program, Ariel Patton, was present throughout this visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The most recent COVID updates were also reviewed.

Hope Ankeny Preschool is a newer program located within the Hope Ankeny Church. The center was given permission to open on 9/8/20. The center serves children ages two through five years in age using their own learning curriculum that incorporates several other learning curriculums. There are now a total of six classrooms and all classrooms have a capacity of 12 children with the exception of the new full-day classroom that is capped at a capacity of 18 children . Preschool hours are Monday through Thursday. There are AM classes and PM classes available and one full-day class for transitional kindergarten. The center is only open during the school year.

All of the Hope programs are overseen by a Board. All of these programs also have a Hope Preschool Head Director, Jody Hufford, who oversees the daily operations of all of the Hope preschool programs. The director of this specific program is Ariel Patton. Ariel has a Master's degree in a child related field and also has past experience working in child care.

During the visit, the AM children were observed lining up with their coats and hats on waiting to get picked up by their parents/guardians after completing their day. Staff were walking children to their parents' vehicles. The full-day classroom was observed eating lunch. Children stated they washed their hands prior to sitting down to eat when questioned by this consultant.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This is a newer center that meets a need in the community. Enrollment has again greatly increased over the past year.

The center has as lot of support from the church.

All Hope programs share the same handbooks, same curriculums, trainings, etc.

There are monthly staff meetings held between all of the directors of the different Hope programs.

The director is organized and has past experience working in child care.

There is secure entrance into the program.

The center looked and smelled clean.

The director believes she has a good staff who all work well with each other.

The director believes the center has a good working relationship with the parents/children they serve.

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

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
There were two epipens observed that were expired.

109.15(1): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep.
1. Parents provide lunch for their own child to eat while at the center. However, upon observation, there were several lunches that did not contain all five components per CACFP/licensing requirements [milk, grain, protein, fruit, vegetable (or two vegetables)].
2. The time between the AM snack and lunch needs to be at least two hours apart.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center does not go on field trips and they do not transport. The program does bring in different agencies for presentations to children.

Radon testing is due every two years in all classrooms and was last tested 8/22/22 - 8/25/22. All classrooms came back with radon levels below the 4.0 cutoff.

The center is all electric and geo-thermal with the exception of one fuel burning appliance (stove). The annual fuel burning appliance inspection was completed on 12/13/22.

I-Power and IQ4K were discussed at the visit. This consultant also again discussed the CACFP smart phone application. The director can share this application with parents.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.