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

Name of Center: Adventure-Life Preschool **Enrollment:** 59 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28356

Street: 1700 8th St SW **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1700 8th St SW, Altoona, IA, 50009

Director's Name: Tiffany Bergman **Phone Number:** 515-957-8981

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** preschool@adventurelife.org

Date(s) of Visit:

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 02-01-2024

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

Date Inspected: 01-23-2024

Comments : 2/12/24 - date of compliance

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.) 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			71		71
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2024 to 03-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-10-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Adventure Life Preschool has been in operation since 1988. The center is located in the Adventure Life Reformed Church and is owned and operated under the church's governing board. The center uses several classroom areas for programming. There is a secured entrance. This preschool is for children ages three through five years. Tiffany Bergman is the director. Tiffany has been the director since September 2023. Tiffany worked at the preschool for several years previously then returned to the preschool as director in the fall of 2023.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the preschool's entrance. The center was missing a No Smoking sign the day of the visit. Schedules and lesson plans are in each classroom. Each classroom has age appropriate furnishings, supplies, toys and interest centers in place.

Tiffany was present and she assisted with today's visit today. The extended learning class was observed during the visit. There were fifteen children from three classrooms in attendance: the Red Birds and the Brown Bears, which are both 3's classrooms, and the Green Frogs, which is a 4/5 classroom. Four staff were working, including Tiffany. Children were observed in the large classroom, in their individual classrooms and outdoors. Staff led large group learning activities and children were also involved in individual play activities.

The center serves snack during programming. Children who attend extended learning bring their own lunches. The center provides parents with a list of lunch requirements and supplement and offer additional food items when needed.

The center has an outdoor playground. There is fencing around the playground. The center has completed monthly playground checks.

The center does not provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The church is very supportive of the preschool. Several of the staff have been at the preschool for several years. The preschool has classrooms that well supplied interest centers. The preschool has an outdoor playground.

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

109.4(3)a: Postings are required for:The certificate of license.Notice of exposure to communicable disease.Notice of decision to deny, suspend, or revoke center license or reduce to provisional status.All postings shall be conspicuously placed at main entrance of center.
The center didn't have a No Smoking Sign posted.

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
One staff didn't have a SING check completed prior to starting work in the classroom.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
One staff didn't have a physical completed in required time frame.

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
Children's files need reviewed. There are some expired physicals.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.
Tiffany stated she needs to go through children's files more often to ensure physicals are current.

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