

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

Name of Center: Little Angels Preschool **Enrollment:** 40 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 46301

Street: 2005 College Place **City:** Harlan **Iowa** **Zip** 51537 **County:** Shelby

Mailing Address: 2005 College Place, Harlan, IA, 51537

Director's Name: Steve Sauvain **Phone Number:** 712-755-5634

On-Site Supervisor(s): Joy Peterson **E-Mail:** ssauvain@shelcocath.pvt.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 10-14-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X NA

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

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

Date Inspected: 12-19-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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			40		40
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

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: Kathy DeGeorge-Evans

Date: 11-07-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Little Angels Preschool on 10-14-2024 (The center became licensed on 9-1-2015). Little Angels Preschool is located in the Shelby County Catholic Elementary School at 2005 College Place, Harlan IA 51537. Steve Sauvain became the director in 11-2024. Ann Andersen was the previous director/Principal of the school she was the director until 11-2024, she said she is training Steve on being the director and DHHS licensing. Dana Seivert is the preschool teacher in the new preschool room and Joy Peterson continues to be the preschool/on-site supervisor for the original preschool room. Joy has been employed at the Shelby County Catholic School for over twenty years. Preschool sessions are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The capacity was increased to 40 children. There are 40 children enrolled. I met with Ann during my licensing visit.

Observation of room:

Another preschool room was added, it is located next to the existing preschool room.

The preschool room looked great and has a wonderful variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The restrooms are located in the hall.

The children were waking up from their nap. Staff were attentive to the needs of the children.

The lesson plans/activities looked good. Fun, educational hands on learning experiences are offered each day. The center uses a few curriculums including Creative Curriculum Gold and a social emotional tool called "Show me how you feel chart".

The center participates in a school program called Wild Cats - the preschool children get together with children in other grades is the school for activities and the children love this.

The center has visitors - the librarian, Shelby County Conservation and the Deacon.

Nutrition:

The children eat lunch at the school and have daily snacks, breakfast is option for purchase. The menus were posted. Make sure the snacks meet the CACFP food guidelines.

Health and safety:

The program follows the medication management procedures and uses the medication log, no children were prescribed medication. The first aid kit was properly stocked. Radon testing will be done in February 2023 with a radon test result of 2.5 pCi/L. The school installed a radon mitigation system in November 2019. Since you are in a school the Department of Education is responsible for radon testing, please refer to the DHHS handbook for updated policies/procedures for radon testing - radon testing requirements have changed.

Ann reported that the school has electric appliances.

Monthly fire/tornado drills are practiced and documented.

The kitchen staff mixes the bleach/water for the preschool room each day. The three step bottle procedure is used 1.

Soap/water for cleaning, 2. Water for rinsing and 3. Your EPA and child care approved product for sanitizing. If you are using bleach/water you must follow the mixing instructions on your specific bottle of bleach or refer to the product website. Make sure the new preschool room follows the same sanitizing guidelines.

Playground:

An outdoor playground area is utilized, pea gravel is used for surfacing.
Monthly playground inspections were documented.

Transportation:

The preschool doesn't provide transportation services. School bus transportation is provided by the Harlan Public School to some children in surrounding towns. The program has some walking field trips.

Administrative records:

Ann reported that the record checks have been completed for Steve and Dana and they will be getting their physicals on the DHHS form.

Ann, please train the new director Steve Sauvain on staff and child file requirements, DHHS licensing etc.

Child files are kept on a new computer system. Make sure you print copies of emergency contact information for parents, guardian, pick up information, doctor and dentist. As long as you can show me information on the computer for child physicals, immunizations, permissions, etc. that is acceptable.

Ann emailed me the floor plan for the additional preschool room. You will need to make sure the fire inspection approves the new room for child care.

Steve Sauvain emailed me his director qualifications on 11-5-2024.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Little Angels Preschool is a quality preschool program and a wonderful resource for the community. The staff were attentive to the needs of the children. Another preschool room was added, it is located next to the existing preschool room. Steve Sauvain is the new director, Ann is training him on director duties and licensing requirements.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license is recommended for 12-1-2023 to 12-1-2025.

Off year licensing visit 10-14-2024.

Administrative change - new director and increase in capacity.

Steve, let me know if you would like consultation and training from Child Care Resource And Referral, they are an agency that works with centers on licensing, working with new directors etc.

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