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

Name of Center: Guardian Angel Preschool and Daycare **Enrollment:** 100 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 52742

Street: 1391 1st Street SE **City:** Le Mars Iowa **Zip** 51031 **County:** Plymouth

Mailing Address: 1391 1st Street SE, Le Mars, IA, 51031

Director's Name: Sadie Kneip **Phone Number:** 712-546-8732

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lisa Freking **E-Mail:** sadiekneip@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 02-07-2025

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 12-30-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-09-2024

Comments :

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

Financial Type: X Profit Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	8	16	46	21	91
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-30-2024 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-10-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 02-07-25 and spoke new director/owner Sadie Freking-Kneip. Ms. Kneip was the onsite supervisor and daughter of Lisa Freking, and purchased the center from Lisa Freking effective 01-01-25. Sadie Freking-Kneip has a degree in Early Childhood and has been the onsite supervisor for this program for several years. Lisa Freking will now be the onsite supervisor for this program and has an associate's degree in early childhood and thirty eight years of experience working with children. Guardian Angel Preschool and Daycare is housed in a building constructed specifically as a daycare facility.

The facility consists of two large rooms on the main floor, two large rooms on the lower floor and a kitchen on each floor which is not accessible to the children. In one preschool classroom they have preschool classes in the morning and afternoon for 4 and 5 year olds and are apart of the universal preschool program. The other preschool classroom is only in the morning in the lower portion of the building for 3 1/2 year olds. The childcare operates Monday through Friday 6:00am to 6:00pm. The universal All day preschool operates Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays 8:30am to 11:45am and 12:45pm to 4:00pm. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:45 to 11:15 is for 3 1/2 year old's preschool. Guardian Angel provides care to children ages 18 months to age 10 years old.

There are 100 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit there were 30 children present. The center continues in cleaning toys daily that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the rooms were colors, shapes, five senses, picture schedule for the children, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, talking kids out on a walk, reminding the children about rules, and engaging the children in activities. The center utilizes Creative Curriculum and the Gold Assessment. The center has cameras in all of the rooms. The programs does annual fundraiser in the spring and hopes to use these funds to help expand the cement on the playground for the basketball area and add more mulch.

Preschool room has the following areas throughout the room for the children to explore and learn: kitchen, music, blocks, farm, computer, science table, writing, games, legos, art, dress up and library. There was an abundance of toys and equipment for the children in the program. Children have access to bathrooms and sinks. Program uses creative curriculum. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, numbers, skeleton chart, sign language, anatomy chart, shapes, maps of US and Iowa, pictures of the children's families, children's art work, helpers list and the alphabet. The preschool uses creative curriculum and the GOLD assessments. There was no preschool at the time of the visit. The program uses the Playground app to assist in administrative activities.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Reminder open foods(such as cereals etc.) should be stored in either a container or zipped lock baggies and dated. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition, however, they are not on the food program. Meals are prepared onsite. Menus
were posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box out of reach of the children. Center needs to update medication information, parent works

at the center. Work with the nurse consultant to develop a plan and usage of correct medical forms. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon tests was completed and within normal range. The program has a mitigation system. All utilities are electric. Good sanitary procedures are followed. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained.

The center has a two large fenced-in playgrounds. One playground has slides, climbing equipment, sings, an area for trikes and a playhouse. Surfacing material (rubber mulch) are around all the equipment. The other playground is a large grassy area. Monthly playground inspection was completed. Shade is available on the playground. The program has additional shade structure umbrella. The center does not transport the children. Siouxland regional transit is used to transport children for field trips. There are areas on the playground to where the cement is cracked and uneven. The program plans to expand the cement area and will have the cracks addressed as well if it remains uneven by spring.

Goals of the center is to get on IQ4K level one and to continue working on a smooth transition with taking over the center. and to transfer program to Sadie.

Strengths of the program has good staff who are reliable, dependable, flexable, staff have a good relationship with the children and families they serve.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Program uses the Childcare Playground App.

Center sends home a newsletter each month to keep parents aware of what is going on in the program.

Center has parent/teacher conferences once a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Center is well organized.

Display children’s art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture in all the rooms.

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 3

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.
Number not in compliance: 1

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
Cracks on the playground need to be addressed to avoid any tripping hazards.

109.15(5) Food preparation and storage procedures are consistent with NHSPS.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Continue to work with CCRR for support.

Center needs to email consultant by 03-07-25 confirming that those aspects that fall below standards have been corrected.

A full license is recommended at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*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.