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

Name of Center: Calvary Preschool **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21141

Street: 100 E James St **City:** Walcott Iowa **Zip** 52773 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: 100 E James St, Walcott, IA, 52773

Director's Name: Charlene Knutsen **Phone Number:** 563-284-6122

On-Site Supervisor(s): Leisha Huntley **E-Mail:** calvarypreschool@mchsi.com

Date(s) of Visit: 10-23-2024

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:** 12-01-2022

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

Date Inspected: 02-08-2024

Comments : Does Comply.

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.) 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			26		26
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 10-29-2024

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

This worker arrived at Calvary Preschool for an annual visit on 10/23/2024. The center provides preschool for preschool aged children. They are open from Monday and Tuesday 9:15am-11:45am. They are open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:15am to 2:45pm. They have 27 children enrolled.

The preschool is located inside of Calvary Church of Walcott. The program uses a classroom, kitchen area, office, and storage space. The center is nonprofit and overseen by a board of directors. The center's fire inspection was completed on 2/8/2024.

All program space was observed on the date of my visit.

The director is Char Knutsen. Char started the center in 1981. She has her Child Development Associates and her National Accreditation Certificate.

The onsite supervisor is Leisha Huntley. Leisha has been with the center since 2013. She has her Child Development Associates and her National Accreditation Certificate.

Nutritional practices were checked. The preschool provides morning snack and afternoon snack. Lunch is provided by the parents. The center provides milk for lunch. The kitchen was maintained in a clean/orderly fashion.

This worker reviewed required postings. This worker checked staff files and child files. The licensing notebook including emergency drills, first aid supplies, playground checklist, radon testing, HVAC testing and policies were reviewed.

The center's curriculum is teacher created with a blend of: Creative Curriculum, Montessori, and Handwriting Without Tears. The center offers walking field trips to the library and park.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The preschool works with the Davenport School District to provide Voluntary Preschool Programming.
-The preschool has five students to one teach ratio.
-The preschool is participating in Iowa Quality for Kids.
-The preschool director has been with the preschool since 1981. The onsite supervisor has been with the center since 2013.
-Both the director and onsite supervisor have their Child Development Associates, National Accreditation Certification and are members with the Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children.
-The preschool is participating in the TEACH and WAGES Program.
-The preschool partners with several outside agencies to ensure the children's/teachers success: Davenport School District, Lions Club, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Child Care Resource and Referral, and the Child Care Nurse Consultant.

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

The preschool was in full compliance on the date of my visit.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon this review, it is recommended that this center remain in Full licensing status. It is important to note, all DHS licensing standards and procedures must be maintained during the renewal period.

The following agencies are available to provide consultation, support, and educational opportunities:
CACFP: https://educateiowa.gov/pk-12/nutrition-programs/child-and-adult-care-food-program
Child Care Resource and Referral: https://iowaccrr.org/staff/region_5/
Early Childhood Iowa: https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/
First Children's Finance: https://www.firstchildrensfinance.org/
Healthy Child Care Nurse Consultants: https://hhs.iowa.gov/hcci/consultants
Iowa AEYC: http://www.iowaaeyc.org/
Iowa After School Alliance: https://www.iowaafterschoolalliance.org/
Iowa State University: https://www.extension.iastate.edu/humansciences/early-childhood

*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.