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

Name of Center: Joyful Journeys Daycare/Preschool **Enrollment:** 81 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 29248

Street: 2300 27th St **City:** Spirit Lake Iowa **Zip** 51360 **County:** Dickinson

Mailing Address: PO Box 422, Spirit Lake, IA, 51360

Director's Name: Kari Williams **Phone Number:** 712-336-2228

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** joyfuljourneys@imluth.homedns.org

Date(s) of Visit: 05-31-2023

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 05-03-2022

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

Date Inspected: 04-26-2021

Comments :

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

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

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	31	16	65		112
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 06-01-2022 to 06-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 06-01-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was done on 05-31-23 and spoke with Director Kari Williams. Kari was the preschool teacher and stepped up into the director role 08-01-21. Ms. Williams has an elementary education degree and four years of experience working with children. Joyful Journey is located in five rooms of the Immanuel Lutheran church. This is a gospel based childcare center. The center consists of two infant rooms, a two year old room, three year old preschool and a four year old preschool. They also utilize a large room in the church for large motor development when they are unable to go outside. The center operates Monday through Friday 7:00am to 5:30pm. The three year old pre-school operates Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 8:30am to 11:15am, and the 4 year old preschool is Monday thru Friday with next year days being changed to Tuesday thru Friday. They serve children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. Currently they have 81 enrolled in the program.

A full licensing visit was conducted. The director was present throughout the visit. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families.

During today's visit 60 children were present. The center continues to be cleaning daily of toys that children use and the church offers cleaning areas that the Center staff does not clean(bathrooms, hallways, and classroom vacuuming/mopping. to do the major cleaning. Ms Williams does room staff meetings as well as going into classrooms to offer observations and assistance to staff as well as the children.

The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition. The kitchen is not accessible to the children. Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center follows proper guidelines for administering medication, however, currently there are no children that the center gives med currently. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff. First aid kits are available and able to treat minor injuries.. Fire/tornado drills were documented. Radon tests was completed, however, was only done in one room and need to be completed in all child occupied room. Annual heating inspection was completed. Diapering need to have better sanitary procedures as well as children hand washing after diapering. Center has a carbon monoxide detector.

The center has done some updates in the program with the help of the church. The church re-carpeted the whole building including the center. The church has also put in cameras to all doorways and on the playground. The center uses the Bright Wheel app to help with some streamlining of administrative duties. Core staff have completed PBIS training.

A fenced in playground is adjacent to the building. Surfacing material around all climbing equipment. Surfacing material (rubber) is around all the playground equipment and some of the rubber tiles need to be fixed as they were coming up. The center is looking at changing the rubber tiles as they continue to separate or curl up. They are also looking at replacing climbing structures when they update the surfacing as well as add a shade structure. They would also like to add a toddler playground separate from the older kids playground. The playground has slides, climbing equipment, a large sandbox,

basketball hoop, various toys and kitchen. Shade is available on the playground. The playground has a bike riding track and 4 houses along the bike track for children to stop and play. Monthly playground inspection were completed.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
They walk for field trips or take the Rides bus.

Goals for the center: Director would like a separate playground for the 1 and 2 year olds. Other improvements are to add cameras in every room, and a security system on the centers doors. Director would like to look into getting center on IQ4K, more classroom supplies/toys new climbing structure and surfacing on the playground.

Strengths of the program is that Ms Williams feels that the center has a good core group who are willing to help and support each other. The staff also have a good relationship with the children they serve. Staff help the children in transition when the children move up. The center uses the Bright Wheel app to assist in administration duties.

It is recommended to work with CCRR regarding the playground, IQ4K, and diapering procedures.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center sends a monthly newsletter for the parents by Facebook app

This is an organized center.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Preschool and three year old room has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

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

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.
Number not in compliance: 2

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

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center's care.
Number not in compliance for dental: 2
Information lacking: Information was missing

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: 2

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.
Diaper changing tables should be sanitized in between diapering's. Surfacing tiles on the playground need to be fixed or removed to avoid any potential tripping hazards.

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.
Radon testing should be completed in all child occupied rooms.

109.15(5)a: Sufficient refrigeration is provided appropriate to perishable food.
Additional concerns: Refrigerator needs a thermometer in the freezer.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant of those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards by 06-30-23.

It is recommended that Director work with CCRR for support as well as a resource.

A full license will remain in effect 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.