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

Name of Center: Noah's Ark Daycare Inc **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39730

Street: 121 W 2nd St **City:** Sutherland Iowa **Zip** 51058 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: PO Box 346, Sutherland, IA, 51058

Director's Name: Beth Ortman **Phone Number:** 712-446-2406

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** Orthmann5@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 09-09-2024

X **Licensing Visit** **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:** 08-07-2024

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

Date Inspected: 11-16-2023

Comments :

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

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

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	16	16	8	8	48
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2024 to 09-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 09-10-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Noah's Ark Daycare on 09-09-24 and spoke with director Beth Orthmann. Beth was the onsite supervisor and became director October 2022. Beth Orthmann has an Associates degree in Early Childhood and 12 years working in a childcare center. Noah's Ark Daycare Center is a non-profit childcare program located in a building in Sutherland that was renovated for childcare. On 12-11-23 the center moved to a new location which is across the street from their old building. The program had purchased a building which was remodeled for childcare. Capacity increased from 24 to 48.

The new Center has 4 rooms. two infant rooms(non-mobile and mobile) room, 2-4 year old room/ and a school age room. However, with the low numbers they are only using 1 infant room and the toddler room. The center operates Monday through Friday 6am to 6pm and serves children infants through school age of 10years old.

There are 27 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit only 9 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. The 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 cleaning toys daily that children use. The center uses the Childcare Bright Wheel app.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Food storage practices were observed and a reminder to keep open cereal/crackers in a sealed baggie or container and dated. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition even though they are not on the food program. Meals are made onsite. Menus were posted.

Radon inspection was completed and within normal range. Furnace inspection was also completed.

Center Playground
The center has a fenced-in playground. The playground a climbing equipment and has wood mulchl for surfacing material. The playground was clean and free of any observable hazards. Shade is available on the playground. Playground inspections completed.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center does not transport the children. They walk to the park if they do field trips.

Goals of the center is get more staff, update playground to add a toddler playground and change surfacing, and to get on IQ4K program.

Strengths of the center are that the center has a newer building, has a good core staff, who works well with parents and the children that they serve. They have good community support to where fund raisers are done as well as donations for the center. They have a supportive board.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center does a community fun run to help raise money for the center annually which is quite successful. They also do several other fundraisers that the community supports.

The center uses Childcare Bright Wheel app.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Display children's art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

Positive interaction with the children.

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

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center will be moving with the completion of new building. A Checklist was provided of steps needed prior to being able to relocate and open at new building. It is recommended that the program work with CCRR as they complete and transition into the new building.

Please provide consultant with an email confirming that those items that fall blow standards have been completed by 10-01-24.

A full license is recommended at this time 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.