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

Name of Center: Church Of The Cross Preschool **Enrollment:** 62 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28301

Street: 1975 8th St SW **City:** Altoona Iowa **Zip** 50009 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 1701 8th St SW , Altoona, IA, 50009

Director's Name: Tammie Dixon **Phone Number:** 515-967-0138

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** ccp@lccaltoona.org

Date(s) of Visit: 04-22-2024

Licensing Visit X **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:** 04-10-2023

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

Date Inspected: 02-13-2023

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **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			46		46
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 05-01-2023 to 05-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 04-26-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Church of the Cross Preschool has been in operation since 2005. This program provides preschool for children ages three through five years of age. The preschool uses three rooms within a building of Church of the Cross for programming. The center also uses a playground and a larger classroom for large motor play on inclement weather days. Tammie Dixon is the director. Tammie started as director in August 2023. Tammie has Bachelors degree in Elementary Education. Tammie has experience working at Head Start and in a daycare prior to employment at the preschool.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules and standards were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the entrance. Schedules and lesson plans are posted. Classrooms are well supplied with labeled interest centers, age appropriate learning supplies, toys and furnishings. Children's belongings and coats are kept in cubbies in the classrooms and hooks in the hallway. Classrooms have a lot of the children's artwork displayed.

Tammie was present and she assisted with today's visit. The were two classes in session during today's visit. The Ladybugs (4/5's) had nineteen children in attendance. Two teachers were working in this class. The Frogs (3/4's) had eight children in their main classroom. One teacher was in the main classroom. The Frogs classroom was also in the preschool's third classroom. Six children were in this classroom. One teacher was with this group. Children were working on various literacy activities. In the main classrooms, children were observed doing various table activities, art activities and center play. Some children were having large group learning time. Today was Earth Day so many of the learning and art activities were based on Earth Day.

The center has a fenced in playground. There are two climbing structures. There is rubber mulch for surfacing material. There are concrete areas on the playground. The center completes monthly playground checks.

The center provides snack. Menus were reviewed. A recommendation was made to take vanilla wafers off the menu or to serve only if there are two credible food groups being served.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center's classrooms are well supplied with many learning and play supplies and centers for children's use. The preschool has a playground for outdoor play activities.

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

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
Some subs haven't completed mandatory trainings.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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