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

**Name of Center:** Jack and Jill Preschool **Enrollment:** 90 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 13191

**Street:** 1100 Maple St **City:** Atlantic Iowa **Zip** 50022 **County:** Cass

**Mailing Address:** 1100 Maple St, Atlantic, IA, 50022

**Director's Name:** Leslie Haynes **Phone Number:** 712-243-3934

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** lhaynes@nishnavalleyymca.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 04-03-2023

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

**LICENSING VISITS**

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

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

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

**Date Inspected:** 12-15-2022

**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* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | 40 | | 40 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 4

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 11-01-2022 to 11-01-2024 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Kathy DeGeorge-Evans **Date:** 04-14-2023

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

An unannounced off year licensing visit was made to Jack and Jill Preschool on 4-3-2023. Jack and Jill Preschool is located in the Nishna Valley YMCA in Atlantic, Iowa. Morning and afternoon preschool sessions are offered to children three to five years old. Leslie Haynes continues to be the director and has been working at the center for over twenty years. There are 90 children enrolled. I met with Leslie briefly and a teacher in the preschool room.

Observation of rooms:
The center uses two rooms for preschool programming and there are five preschool sessions. The room looked great and are arranged with fun and inviting activity centers. There is a fun variety of age and developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. The children's fun art work is displayed. One room was on a field trip during my visit. The large room in the back was in ratio. There were sixteen children present and three staff. The children were having fun playing. Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they were positive and attentive to the needs of the children.
The program uses a few curriculums - Teaching Strategies Gold, Handwriting Without Tears and C4 Learning. The lesson plans/activities look great.
Parent teacher conferences are held and a variety of family events are provided throughout the year.

Nutrition:
The children provide the snack each day, a list of nutritious food options is given to the parents. Proper food storage was observed and thermometers are in the refrigerator/freezer.

Health and safety:
The center practices and documents monthly fire/tornado drills. The fuel burning inspection was completed on 6-14-2022. Radon testing was done in June 2022 and the test scores were in the acceptable range. The first aid kit was properly stocked.

The center has all of their emergency procedures.

Playground:
The center has an outdoor play area. Monthly playground inspections were completed.

Transportation:
The program doesn't provide daily transportation services. Some children ride the South West Iowa Transit Bus. If the center goes on a field trip a bus is hired to provide the transportation.

Administrative records:
Leslie has staff meetings on a regular basis and she maintains daily contact with staff.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The preschool utilizes the gym, youth room, swimming pool and the room with the climbing structure.
Jack and Jill Preschool is a wonderful resource for the community and they provide a quality preschool program.
The program participates in the Quality Rating System (QRS) and are a level 4, they will be applying for the IQ4K program.
The center participates in a couple fundraising events during the year.

Leslie is confident as the director, she is organized, and enthusiastic.
Staff had excellent interactions with the children, they are positive and nurturing.

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

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

A full license is recommended for 11-1-2022 to 11-1-2024.
Off year licensing visit 4-3-2023.

*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.