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

Name of Center: Noah's Ark Preschool **Enrollment:** 63 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 21153

Street: 337 W Lotte St **City:** Blue Grass Iowa **Zip** 52726 **County:** Scott

Mailing Address: PO BOX 370, Blue Grass, IA, 52726

Director's Name: Sara Seburg **Phone Number:** 563-381-1701

On-Site Supervisor(s): Stephanie Diekema and Natalie Pilgrim **E-Mail:** noahsarkbg@gmail.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-15-2022

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:** 10-06-2021

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

Date Inspected: 09-21-2020

Comments : Does comply.

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			58		58
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 4

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2021 to 12-01-2023
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Heidi Brown **Date:** 11-20-2022

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

N/A

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

I arrived at Noah Ark's Preschool for an annual visit on 11/15/2022. The center is nonprofit. The center provides preschool. The center is open Monday-Friday 8:45am to 11:45am and 12:30pm-3:10pm. The center has 63 children enrolled.

The center is inside of a commercial building. The center has 4 classrooms, a large motor/cafeteria room and offices. The center's fire inspection was completed on 9/21/2020.

The director is Sara Seburg. Sara has a Master's Degree in Educator License. Sara started in 2007.

The onsite supervisors are Stephanie Diekema and Natalie Pilgrim. Stephanie has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. She started in 2012. Natalie started in September 2011. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Public Relations.

The center's curriculum Every Day Math, Wonders, Haggerty and Second Step.

The center provides morning snack to the three year old children.

The center offers field trips via parent transportation and walking. They go to the library, and school. Nahant Marsh visits the center.

All program space was observed. The areas observed included: classroom safety/activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observations, field trip/transportation practices, and file/policies/notebook review.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

-The center has Iowa Quality Rating Scale Level 4 until 5/31/23.
-The center has a private Facebook Page for the families to see video/pictures and open communication.
-The center has two frogs and fish.
-The center added new lockers for each child.
-The center remodeled the bathrooms. New floor and dividers.
-The center is Nature Explorer Certified.
-Stephanie, Ashley and Sara all have their Teaching Licenses with Early Childhood Education Endorsement.
-Rebecca Wallick and Christina Frick have current Child Development Associate's.
-The center's child files, staff files and licensing notebook were in full compliance.

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

The center 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://idph.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
4c's of Johnson County: https://www.iowa4cs.com/

*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.