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

Name of Center: Wakonda Preschool **Enrollment:** 36 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 28377

Street: 3938 Fleur Dr **City:** Des Moines Iowa **Zip** 50321 **County:** Polk

Mailing Address: 3938 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA, 50321

Director's Name: Jennifer Vanderhart **Phone Number:** 515-285-8401

On-Site Supervisor(s): Megan Lane **E-Mail:** jen.vanderhart@wakondapreschool.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-22-2025

X **Licensing Visit** X **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:** 12-05-2024

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

Date Inspected: 04-01-2024

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: Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years X Preschool-Age X 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			100		100
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 02-01-2025 to 02-01-2027
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 01-27-2025

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

The Wakonda Preschool program opened in 1989. The preschool uses a section of the Wakonda Christian Church. The preschool is owned and operated by the church. Parents use a secured entrance that is close to the preschool area. Programming is offered for children ages two through school age up to 2nd grade. The center offers preschool programming and child care. The center uses four classrooms, a multipurpose room and an outdoor playground. Jennifer Vanderhart is the director. Jennifer was a registered daycare provider prior to coming to the preschool.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. The center uses Bright Wheel for communication with parents, attendance, etc. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. Classroom schedules and lesson plans are posted by classroom entrances. Each classrooms is supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning materials.

Jennifer assisted with today's visit. The afternoon preschool class was in operation today. There were nine children, a group of three to five year old children. Three staff were working during the visit.

The center serves morning snack and afternoon snack. Children who attend all day programming bring their own lunches. Parents are given information about CACFP requirements for their children's lunches. Parents provide snack for the preschool. The center has food to supplement when needed.

The center's playground has fencing. There is rubber mulch for fall surfacing material. The center completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is working with CCR&R for participation in the IQ4K quality program. The church is very supportive of the center. The center has a locked entrance. The children are afforded large motor play on a daily basis through the use of the playground and multipurpose room.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
A sub staff was overdue for a SING check.

109.8(2)b: Combinations of age groupings for children between 3 and 5 years of age may be allowed with a staff of 1 to every 12 children.
The center had children ages three through school age in one classroom for after school programming.

109.10(2): Medical and dental emergencies: Center shall have sufficient information and authorization to meet medical and dental emergencies of children. Shall have written procedures for emergencies and shall ensure that staff are knowledgeable of and able to implement the procedures.
There were several children's files that didn't have preferred dentist information.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

The HHS licensing violations were discussed during the visit. Jennifer stated she will address the violations and they will be corrected.

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