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

Name of Center: Covenant Kids Preschool **Enrollment:** 52 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 30208

Street: 604 Third St SW **City:** Orange City Iowa **Zip** 51041 **County:** Sioux

Mailing Address: 604 Third St SW, Orange City, IA, 51041

Director's Name: Anna Zeutenhorst **Phone Number:** 712-737-2274

On-Site Supervisor(s): Melissa Brummel **E-Mail:** azeutenhorst@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us

Date(s) of Visit: 10-25-2023

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:** 09-14-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-13-2023

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 X NAEYC NSACA Other 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			20	20	40
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 11-01-2023 to 11-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 11-13-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited covenant Kids Preschool on 10-25-23 and spoke with Anna Zeutenhorst, director for the program. Anna Zeutenhorst has an elementary education degree and several years of experience working with children. Covenant Kids Preschool is located in a classroom in the Orange City Christian School. The preschool operates Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 11:30am and 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Program added an additional room to offer Cub Care for after morning preschool hours which will be from 11:15am to 3:15 pm. On Fridays there is not preschool or kindergarten classes, however, Friday Care is offered all day from 8:15 to 3:15pm for those children that need care. The Cub Care has a new room from last year with a direct access out of the building. With the added classroom, capacity is increased from 30 to 40. Preschool started on 08-25-23 and Cub Care started this school year on 08-25-23. Both Preschool and Cub Care are only offered during the school year and follows the school calendar. The program serves children ages 4 to 5 years old. The last quarter only preschool children attend the Cub Care on Fridays due to Kindergartners transitioning to all day Kindergarten.

There are 52 children enrolled in the program(22 children in the am; and 10 children in the pm). There are 10 preschool children who attend Cub Care in the afternoon. On Friday Care there are 31 children who are enrolled, 21 Kindergarteners and 10 preschool children, however, they don't all come at the same time. At most they have 24 at a time for Cub Care. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center continues in cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, job chart, children's artwork and the alphabet. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center utilizes the Creative Curriculum, the Gold assessment, and a Bible Curriculum in their teachings. Children have access to bathrooms.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. No other food is stored in the room. Nutritious snacks are brought by parents each day. CACFP guidelines are followed. Center has suggestions for parents regarding what foods to bring for snacks. Cub Care and Friday Care parents provide snacks, but lunch is provided by the school. The program gives parents a list of healthy snacks.

Medication is not administered by the center. Tables are sanitized prior to children eating. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is complete and the school nurse monitors. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Radon test was not available at the time of the visit. Radon need to be completed in the Cub Care/Friday Care room. Heating inspection are complete. Good sanitary procedures are followed. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

The center has a large playground area that they share with the school. The playground has slides, sand area and climbing equipment. Woods chips are around all the equipment. The school maintains the playground. Shade is available on the playground. Monthly playground inspections were completed.

The children take field trips and utilizes the school bus for these trips. Parent permission forms are completed for children who leave the center for field trips.

Goals of the program are the school is looking at incorporating handwriting without tears for the preschoolers. Also to get onto the IQ4K program.

Strengths of the program is that the program has good community, school and family support. Good communication with staff and families. Good team staff who work well together.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center has a website the parents can visit.

Director emails weekly newsletters to parents.

Has a parent board advisory board that meets 4x year.

The classroom is well organized

Center has parent/teacher conferences two times a year to inform parents of their child's progress and what they need to work on.

Very positive interaction with the children.

Display children's art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Center is working on getting on IQ4K program.

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

109.9(1)e: All files contain documentation to indicate that ongoing staff training requirements are met, including current certifications in first aid/CPR and mandatory child abuse training.
Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(2)c: All files contain information regarding the specific health and medical needs of a child including information regarding any prescribed treatment. For school-age programs in the child's school, all files include a statement signed by the parent that the immunization information is available in the school file.
Number not in compliance: 4

109.11(7)b: Centers at ground level that use basement area as program space, or have a basement beneath program space: Testing and plan for remedy of radon is conducted.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Program will email consultant by 12-10-23 confirming that items that fall below standards has been corrected. It is recommended that the Director continue to work with CCRR for support.

A full license is recommended 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.