

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

Name of Center: Mustang Scholars Preschool **Enrollment:** 6 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 47791

Street: 300 E 5th St **City:** Prairie City **Iowa Zip** 50228 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: PO Box 178, Prairie City, IA, 50228

Director's Name: Diane Ellens **Phone Number:** 515-994-2250

On-Site Supervisor(s): NA **E-Mail:** frcprairiecity@aol.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-11-2017

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 08-25-2016

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

Date Inspected: 06-30-2016

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: **Child Care** X **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accreditation: 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

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| HOURS: | <u>Year-round</u> | <u>School-Year</u> | <u>Summer Only</u> |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
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| General | | | 16 | | 16 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

QRS Rating: N/A

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | FULL license from 09-16-2016 to 11-01-2018 |
| | PROVISIONAL license from |
| | DENIAL of initial application |
| | SUSPENSION of license |
| | REVOCATION of license |

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Ross

Date: 01-15-2017

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Mustang Scholars Preschool opened in September 2016. The preschool is held in the First Reformed Church. Programming is held in one classroom. The preschool also has access to other rooms nearby this classroom. The preschool serves children ages three and four years of age. Diane Ellens is the director/lead teacher. Diane has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education. Diane has experience working in a daycare center, preschool and elementary school. Kay DeVries is the second staff member employed.

Mandatory postings, along with a current lesson plan, "Snow", and the class schedule is posted for parents' viewing outside the classroom. An unannounced visit was completed today. Diane and Kay assisted with the visit. There were five children present. Children were observed during group activities as well as child directed play. Children did a science project, making frost. Diane read a book about frost and snow. The children made their own booklets decorating them to look like snow and frost. Diane's interactions with the children were observed to be positive. She assisted and encouraged the children with their work.

The classroom has learning centers set up for children's use: reading, dramatic play with kitchen, art and crafts, blocks, transportation, puzzles and games. Children's art work is displayed on the walls.

NUTRITION: The center provides the parents a list of recommended snacks from CACFP. The center provides milk. The table is sanitized prior to snack being served. The center has snack items on hand if needed.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Emergency drills are being completed and documented monthly. The center is completing radon testing at this time. A current furnace inspection is on file. The first aid kit is supplied. There are no children on medication. The center requests parents give medication prior to them coming to preschool unless it's a rescue medication. The center uses Clorox Anywhere Spray and bleach water solution for sanitizing. A carbon monoxide detector is in place. Children and staff wash their hands at required hands. Hand washing posters are in place in the bathrooms. Communicable disease notices will be posted when needed. Incident reports will be completed when required.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The preschool does not provide transportation. Walking is used for most field trips. For other field trips, parents/guardians are asked to transport and attend with their own children. Parents/guardians will sign informed consent. First aid kits and emergency contact information are taken off site.

PLAYGROUND: The center does not have a playground.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS: Administrative records were reviewed today. Both staffs' records were reviewed. These files were found to be complete and current. Six children's files were reviewed. These files were found to be complete. The center has complete parent and staff handbooks. The center has a Child Care Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan. The center's discipline policy is appropriate.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The preschool has a lot of support from the church, where the preschool programming is held. The preschool is planning on contacting CCR&R and participating in QRS in the foreseeable future. Diane has a Bachelors degree and a lot of experience working with young children.

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

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

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