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

Name of Center: Wakonda Preschool **Enrollment:** 43 **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: Jane Bishop **Phone Number:** 515-285-8401

On-Site Supervisor(s): NA **E-Mail:** jane.bishop@wakondapreschool.com

Date(s) of Visit: 01-26-2023

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:** 12-08-2022

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

Date Inspected: 03-03-2020

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 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 02-01-2021 to 02-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 02-05-2023

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 under the church. Parents use a secured entrance that is close to the preschool area. Programming is offered for children ages two through five years. The center offers preschool programming and child care. The center uses four classrooms, a multipurpose room and an outdoor playground. Jane Bishop is the director. Jane started employed at the center in June 2023. Jane has many years of experience in the child care field.

An unannounced visit was completed today. All areas subject to DHS 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 doors. Each classrooms is supplied with age appropriate furnishings, toys and learning materials. Children's artwork is displayed in the classrooms.

Jane was present today and she assisted today's visit. The PreK class, a 3/4's class and a 3's class was observed today. The PreK class had eleven children in attendance. There were two staff working with this class. The 3's class had one six children present. One staff was working with this group. The 3/4's class had twelve children present. There were two staff working with this class. Children were observed in their classrooms, in the snack/lunch room and in the multipurpose room. Children were doing large motor activities in the multipurpose room. Staff were engaged and supportive of the children's activities.

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.

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

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Jane has many years of experience in the child care field. The church is very supportive of the center. The center has a locked entrance. The center is offering all day care. 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:

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
Some staff didn't complete mandatory trainings or haven't completed mandatory trainings in the required time frame.

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
Some staff don't have SING checks or federal record checks in their files.
Jane wasn't aware SING and federal record checks couldn't be taken from previous employer files. Jane is getting this corrected immediately.

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
One staff file is missing a physical.

109.9(2)b: All files contain sufficient information and authorization to allow the center to secure emergency medical and dental services at any time child is in center’s care.
Some children's files were missing dental and hospital information.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone 515-362-7823; email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us) so that we may discuss the issue. If necessary, I can make a notation in your record. You may also send a letter that will be included in your licensing file noting any disagreement you may have with this report. If you have the need for any additional information discussed during my visit, please contact me and I will forward the information to you. Thank you.

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