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

Name of Center: Noah's Ark Daycare Inc **Enrollment:** 20 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 39730

Street: 121 W 2nd St **City:** Sutherland Iowa **Zip** 51058 **County:** Obrien

Mailing Address: PO Box 346, Sutherland, IA, 51058

Director's Name: Beth Ortman **Phone Number:** 712-446-2406

On-Site Supervisor(s): Shelby Underwood **E-Mail:** Orthmann5@hotmail.com

Date(s) of Visit:

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 07-24-2022

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

Date Inspected: 11-16-2023

Comments : On 12-11-23 the center will be moving to a new location which is across the street from their current building. The program purchased a building a remodeled it for childcare. Address is 121 West 2nd St. P.O. Box 346, Sutherland, IA. Capacity will increase from 24 to 48.

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

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General	16	16	8	8	48
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 09-01-2022 to 09-01-2024
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 12-08-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited Noah's Ark Daycare on 08-15-23 and spoke with new director Beth Orthmann. Beth was the onsite supervisor and became director October 2022 as Director Carol Lenhart had passed away. Beth Orthmann has an Associates degree in Early Childhood and 11 years working in a childcare center. Shelby Underwood is the new onsite supervisor. Shelby has her associates degree in Early Childhood and a 1 1/2 year working in a childcare setting. Noah's Ark Daycare Center is a non-profit childcare program located in a building in Sutherland that was renovated for childcare. Center utilizes two rooms: infant room and a room for children ages 2 and above. The center operates Monday through Friday 6am to 6pm and serves children infants through school age of 10years old. Capacity is 24.

There are 20 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit only 14 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. The areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. 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 has been cleaning toys daily that children use. Center is in the process of remodeling a building across the street from the center for childcare. This remodeling will be completed by the end of the year if not sooner. Capacity will increase at that time as the building is a much bigger space. A reminder in the infant room that infants should not be swaddled but in a sleep sack when napping.

Center Nutrition Practices Observed
Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. Food storage practices were observed and a reminder to keep open cereal/crackers in a sealed baggie or container and dated. The center follows the CACFP guidelines for nutrition even though they are not on the food program. Meals are made onsite. Menus were posted.

Radon inspection was completed and within normal range. Furnace inspection was also completed.

Center Playground
The center has a fenced-in playground. The playground has no climbing equipment and has pea gravel for surfacing material. The playground was clean and free of any observable hazards. Shade is available on the playground. Playground inspections completed.

Center Transportation Arrangements/Field Trips
The center does not transport the children. They walk to the park if they do field trips.

Goals of the center is looking at moving to a new building in the next couple of months and getting on the Bright Wheel Childcare App.

Strengths of the center are that the center works well with parents and the children that they serve. They have good community support to where fund raisers are done as well as donations for the center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center does a community fun run to help raise money for the center annually which is quite successful. They also do several other fundraisers that the community supports.

Children's toys are at their level and accessible.

Display children's art work in the room.

Center has child size furniture throughout the room.

Positive interaction with the children.

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

109.9(2)f: All files contain parent authorization for attendance at center-sponsored field trips and non-center activities. If an inclusive authorization form for activities is used, a copy is kept on file at the center.
Number not in compliance with center-sponsored trips: 3

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.

109.15(5)b: Sanitary and safe methods in food preparation, serving, and storage sufficient to prevent transmission of disease, infestation, and spoilage are followed.Staff preparing food that have injuries on hands wear protective gloves.Staff serving food use clean serving utensils and have clean hands/wear protective gloves.
Additional concerns: open foods need to be sealed or in a container and dated to prevent spoilage.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Center will be moving with the completion of new building. A Checklist was provided of steps needed prior to being able to relocate and open at new building. It is recommended that the program work with CCRR as they complete and transition into the new building.

Please provide consultant with an email confirming that those items that fall blow standards have been completed by 09-30-23.

A full license is recommended at this time 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.