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

**Name of Center:** SHARE Preschool **Enrollment:** 48 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18080

**Street:** 1115 S 8th Ave E **City:** Newton Iowa **Zip** 50208 **County:** Jasper

**Mailing Address:** 1115 S 8th Ave E, Newton, IA, 50208

**Director's Name:** Brooke Soppe **Phone Number:** 641-792-8639

**On-Site Supervisor(s):** **E-Mail:** sharepreschoolnewton@gmail.com

**Date(s) of Visit:** 11-21-2022

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:** 10-10-2022

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

**Date Inspected:** 11-10-2021

**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 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

| **HOURS:** | *Year-round* | *School-Year* | *Summer Only* |
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| LICENSE CAPACITY | Infants | 2 Years | Preschool | School-Age | Capacity |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| General | | | 30 | | 30 |
| Summer | | | | | 0 |

**QRS Rating:** 5

| RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE: | |
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| X | **FULL** license from 12-01-2022 to 12-01-2024 |
| | **PROVISIONAL** license from |
| | **DENIAL** of initial application |
| | **SUSPENSION** of license |
| | **REVOCATION** of license |

**Licensing Consultant:** Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 11-28-2022

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

**II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:**

SHARE Preschool has been in operation since 1980, providing programming for children ranging from three through five years of age. This preschool is located in a single room on the lower level of the McCann Center. The church has secured entrances. Brooke Soppe has been the director since August 2015. Brooke has a Masters degree in Education and a Bachelors degree in Liberal Studies. Brooke worked as a teacher for one year prior to becoming the director.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to DHS rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place by the center's entrance. Lesson plans and classroom schedules are also available. The classroom is well supplied with labeled interest centers: fine motor, pretend, STEM, blocks, healthy kids, sensory table, art, reading writing, music. Children's belongings are kept on individual hooks and cubbies. Children's art work is displayed on the walls in the classroom.

Brooke was present and she assisted with today's visit. There was one additional staff working today. There were eleven children present. Child directed play activities were observed during the visit. Children were playing individually and in small groups. Staff were assisting children with a Thanksgiving craft. Interactions between staff and the children were observed to be positive.

The center serves a snack during sessions. The center gives parents a list of foods that are in compliance with CACFP guidelines.

The center has a playground that has fencing. There is pea gravel, grass areas and pavement for surfacing.

**III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:**

The preschool participates in QRS and earned a five star rating, the highest rating in the quality rating system. Brooke has a NAEYC accreditation. The preschool has an outdoor playground as well as a space indoors for large motor play activities. The classroom has many well developed learning centers.

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

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.
Number not in compliance for dental: 1

**V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This worker recommended emergency drills be completed on different days.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact me (phone (515)725-362-7823: email mlarson@dhs.state.ia.us so that we can 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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