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

Name of Center: Hope Waukee Preschool **Enrollment:** 129 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 36479

Street: 305 Dartmoor Dr **City:** Waukee Iowa **Zip** 50263 **County:** Dallas

Mailing Address: 305 Dartmoor Dr, Waukee, IA, 50263

Director's Name: Andra Pelds **Phone Number:** 515-264-2001

On-Site Supervisor(s): Lauren Pearson **E-Mail:** Andra.pelds@hopewaukee.org

Date(s) of Visit: 09-10-2024

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:** 08-13-2024

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

Date Inspected: 10-31-2023

Comments : Waukee Fire Marshal. For licensing regulations, Fire Marshal inspections are due at least every three years.

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	0	15	133	0	148
Summer					0

QRS Rating: N/A

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 10-01-2024 to 10-01-2026
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper **Date:** 09-10-2024

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

N/A.

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

A licensing visit was conducted on 9/10/24. The director and her supervisor were both present for the visit.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Hope Waukee Preschool (formerly Hope Waukee Child Care Center) began operation strictly as a preschool/transitional kindergarten in 9/2018. Hope administration took over the entire operations from a prior child care center back in 2/2016. The director of the program as of 8/2022 is Andra Pelds. Andra has a BA degree and past experience working in child care. Lauren Pearson is the on-site supervisor. Lauren has a BA degree as well as past experience working in child care. The program serves children ages two to five years in age. The program is open Monday - Thursday. Transitional Kindergarten hours are from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Preschool hours are 9:00am - 11:30am and 12:30pm - 3:00pm. There is also a full day preschool classroom that meets the same hours as Transitional Kindergarten. The program uses the Creative Learning Curriculum, High Scope Curriculum, and Handwriting without Tears. There are a total of five classrooms.

During the visit, children were observed playing outside on the playground as well as playing at the different learning stations available to them in other classrooms. Staff were spaced out in classrooms and interacting and engaging with all children and their activities.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The director is organized and has past experience working in child care.

Staff and child files were nicely organized.

There are related Hope programs that all have the same organizational structure, handbooks, Executive Director/Programmer, etc. There in continuity.

There is a cleaning crew that cleans the center daily/nightly.

The program sends regular newsletters to parents (weekly and/or monthly). The center also uses the Bright Wheel online application for communication with parents.

Good classroom observations and activities were seen and observed. A staff was observed consoling a child who was attending his first day of the program.

The program has a good working relationship with other church personnel.

The program has a large outdoor playground area which also includes a partial football field with field turf.

The director continues to believe that she had a good staff. There again is a mix of tenured and some new staff this year.

Enrollment has again increased within the past year.

There are two classrooms that meet full days.

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

109.10(3)c: For ongoing, long term medications, authorization shall be obtained for a period not to exceed the duration of prescription.
There was one medication that was either expired or not in it's original container.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

It was previously noted that the center does not go on field trips. The program will bring in agencies for presentations to children.

Radon testing in classrooms was last tested 8/19/22 - 8/22/22. Radon levels came back below the 4.0 cutoff. Because levels were below 4.0, the center can move to testing for radon at least every five years now. So long as radon levels remain below 4.0, they can remain on a five year plan. If at the next testing levels in any classroom come back 4.0 or higher, the center will have to have a mitigation plan, retest, and at least temporarily move back to testing every two years. IT WAS NOTED THE CENTER DID RADON TESTING AGAIN 8/29/24 - 9/2/24 AND THEY ARE AWAITING RESULTS.

The boiler was last inspected 11/17/23.

IQ4K and I - Power were again discussed at the visit. All staff need to have I - Power profiles. The program has met with CCR&R about starting the IQ4K process.

The CACFP smart phone application was again discussed at the visit since parents are responsible for bringing in their child's lunches for the full day classes.

A new, full, two-year license is recommended.

*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.