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

Name of Center: Newton Christian Preschool **Enrollment:** 37 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 50751

Street: 1711 N 13th Ave E **City:** Newton Iowa **Zip** 50208 **County:** Jasper

Mailing Address: 1710 N 11th Ave E, Newton, IA, 50208

Director's Name: Elisha Biehn **Phone Number:** 641-792-1924

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** ebiehn@newtonchristianschool.com

Date(s) of Visit: 11-12-2024

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

LICENSING VISITS

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

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 11-14-2023

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

Date Inspected: 11-16-2023

Comments : Newton Fire Department

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*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General			20		20
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 12-01-2023 to 12-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 11-25-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Newton Christian Preschool opened in September 2019. The preschool is located right behind Newton Christian School. The preschool is the sole occupant of the building. There is a secured entrance. The preschool offers programming for children ages three to five. The building has a spacious classroom that has it's own bathroom. Another classroom is used for large motor play activities. Elisha Biehn is the director of the program.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing rules were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place at the center's entrance. The class schedule and the class lesson plan, "My 5 Senses" are posted. The spacious classroom is well supplied with age appropriate furnishings, learning materials and toys. The center has labeled interest centers. Children's artwork is displayed throughout the classroom and entrance. Children's coats and backpacks are kept on hooks and cubbies.

Elisha was not on work status today. The teacher assistant, Abigail Miller, assisted with today's visit. A sub was also working. There were eight children, a class of three year old children, in session. Children were observed on the playground and in the classroom. Children were observed during large motor play activities. Children were observed during group learning time also.

The center provides snack during sessions. The center provides parents a list of specific snacks to provide.

The center's outdoor playground has fencing. There is natural wood climbing structures. There is pea gravel, grass and concrete for surfacing. The center completed monthly playground checks.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

This center is located in newer building, built specifically for the preschool. The children have large motor play activities daily, through the use of the outdoor playground and the large motor play classroom. The preschool is a part of Newton Christian School and is well supported by the school.

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

There were no licensing violations cited today.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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