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CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Zion Child Care Preschool

Provider No.: 18565

Address: 430 3rd AVE S, Clinton, IA, 52732

County: Clinton

Director's Name: Kelly Bork

On-Site Supervisor:

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HHS Visit Date: 01/29/2026

Licensing Period: 10/01/2025 to 10/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 10/22/2025

Comments:

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	5:45 AM to 5:30 PM		
Tuesday	5:45 AM to 5:30 PM		
Wednesday	5:45 AM to 5:30 PM		
Thursday	5:45 AM to 5:30 PM		
Friday	5:45 AM to 5:30 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [X] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [X] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	8	16	70	21	115
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An unannounced off year visit was completed at this center on 1/29/26. Center director, Kelly Bork, was present along with other staff. Kelly has been the director for 28 years. Kelly has an associate's degree in early childhood education and has completed many additional trainings during her years of experience. This is a non-profit program, owned and operated by the Zion Lutheran Church, and is located in a building across the street from the church. The center was built in 2007. The center does support itself financially. This center does participate in the Iowa Voluntary Preschool Grant program. Kelly states the four year old program uses the Creative Curriculum and the rest of the center uses an "ages and stages" based curriculum that the center has developed over the years.

The program rooms operate out of the main level of the building. Program rooms include: Preschool Room #1 (four/five year olds school year, school-age in summer); Preschool Room #2 (four/five year olds school year, school-age in summer); Multi-Purpose Room (mixed age group at center opening and closing times, three year old preschool area, school age before and after school and non school days during the school year); Twos Room (age 18 months up to three years); Threes Room (child care); Fours Room (child care); and Infant Room. The rooms are bright and spacious. Program rooms generally include a good supply of books, crafts, toys, blocks, games, music, computers, puzzles, sensory, and creative dramatics that are displayed nicely. Materials are organized and child accessible. There are restrooms adjacent to each program room except for the infant room and one of the prek/school age rooms. The two prek/school age rooms share a restroom area that is adjacent to one of those rooms. The center director reports that the center does have a staff available to travel with children to use the restroom so that ratio and supervision can be maintained. Extra sinks are also available within each program room. Diapering stations with adequate hand washing facilities were located in the infant and two year old rooms. Diaper stations were also observed in the two restroom areas adjacent to the multi-purpose/three year old preschool room. All program space was observed.

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The program does not participate in the CACFP. The program provides the children with morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. School age children are required to bring their own lunch from home during the summer. Snacks are prepared for the children on-site. The center contracts for lunch which is prepared at a nearby elementary school from an IDPH licensed kitchen. Staff travel to the school to pick up the lunch service. The center cooks lunch on site during a two week period near the end of summer when the school program closes and also on non-school days during the school year. There is a separate kitchen area within the center, and the center employs a cook staff person. The kitchen continues to be clean and highly organized.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

The center continues to be very well managed, and the staff work well together. The center director continues to report low turnover of staff. The center director states that the center employs two staff during preschool hours who are dually certified in early childhood education and special education. The center participates in fundraisers and uses the profits to make center improvements. The center director states the center plans to replace some of the flooring and window blinds in the center soon. The program has partnerships with many community agencies including the school district, IQPPS, I smile, Lions Club, Kidsight, and AEA. Rooms are bright with large windows, spacious, and nicely painted and decorated to present a child-friendly environment. Materials continue to be highly organized, accessible, and well maintained. The center director states that each room gets yearly budget for the purchase of new toys and manipulatives for their room. The staff were once again observed to be positively engaged with the children in activities in all rooms. The nursery completes a lesson plan for three different age/developmental groups. The center continues to offer a lending library for family to borrow books from the center. Licensing documentation continues to be highly organized, and the center maintains a tracking system to ensure staff file compliance. The attention to detail in every aspect of this center's operation is notable.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.12(4)b: Each infant and toddler shall be diapered in a sanitary manner as frequently as needed at a central diapering area. Diapering, sanitation, and hand-washing procedures shall be posted and implemented in every diapering area. There shall be at least one changing table for every 15 infants.
1. Staff did not wash hands between or after diaper changes as observed in the two year old room. Also get out just the materials needed prior to starting the diaper change (not the entire container of wipes).

4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Consultation has been provided to the center regarding the updated rules regarding combining different age groupings of children and what is allowed and when. Two year old children may not be combined with four year old children, and three year old children may not be combined with school age children unless under the very specific rule 109.8(2)h for the very beginning and/or end of the day with only the number of children and staff present at the center as defined by the rule. The center will need to ensure they are in compliance.

1. Ensure children who participate in the afternoon session of prek are allowed the rest/quiet time and that this shows on the posted daily schedule.
2. Ensure parents have provided written authorization for the center to release the child to the school bus for any children leaving the center via school bus.

This center will continue with a full license. This report does not require a written response, however, please address violation(s)/concern(s) noted in the report so that corrections are obvious and ensure that items remain in compliance. Thank you.

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Date: 03/02/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Heidi Hungate

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