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

Name of Center: Calvary Family Center Day Care **Enrollment:** 27 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 48658

Street: 1318 10th AVE SW **City:** Fort Dodge Iowa **Zip** 50501 **County:** Webster

Mailing Address: PO Box 184, Fort Dodge, IA, 50501

Director's Name: Vickie Zimmer **Phone Number:** 515-573-5866

On-Site Supervisor(s): Shantell Ayala **E-Mail:** Cfcdaycare123@outlook.com

Date(s) of Visit: 06-17-2024, 06-24-2024

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:** 06-09-2023

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

Date Inspected: 10-14-2021

Comments :

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	19		20		39
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 08-01-2023 to 08-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Raymond Salsbury **Date:** 07-08-2024

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

An unannounced annual visit was made to the Calvary Family Center Daycare in Fort Dodge on on 06-17-24, and again on 06-24-24 where I met with center director Vickie Zimmer. Vickie took over the director role in 2022 and is qualified for the position based on her experience, and on-going professional development. The program is located in the Community Center building of the Calvary Memorial Church in Fort Dodge and is operated as a non-profit program overseen by a board of directors from the church. The program provides care to infants through school age children. There are currently 27 children enrolled in the program served by 8 staff. All areas of the program subject to licensing standards were reviewed during the visit.

The general layout of the building and classrooms remains much the same as in prior visits. The program operates on two levels of the facility.
The center did change to moving the toddlers to the lower level. The upper level is a large open area that uses a mobile panel and gate system to divide the space into two spaces with one for programming and one for sleeping. It was discussed that the center should remove these given that all children present are under 24 months of age and having the dividers creates a situation where staff would be limited on their ability to provide supervision to the children. The toddlers, preschool, and school age children make use of space on the lower level. Each classroom has direct exits to the outdoors which were observed open easily. One exit from the toddler room is accessed via a handicapped accessibility ramp and the items that had been placed on it to keep the children from playing on the ramp had been removed. Each classroom has windows along the exterior walls that provide natural light, ventilation, and a view of the outdoors. Restrooms are located in hallways just off the main programming rooms. An additional sink is present in the infant area to facilitate hand washing. Hot water temperatures were measured to 137.8 deg. F. and this needs to be adjusted so that temperatures do not exceed 120 deg. F at the spigot when only the hot water tap is turned on. There were several maintenance issues such as, drywall damage, and some furnishings with loose hardware which did not present an immediate safety concern but still need to be repaired. Each room is divided into activity centers through the placement of play structures, shelves, and furniture did not create any blind areas.

The available activity centers include options such as large/small manipulatives, dramatic play, reading, art/crafts, media, and group learning. The toys and materials present were appropriate to the ages of the children for each classroom. While the materials present in the classrooms was limited the center does have additional items kept in storage which can be brought out for play. It has been previously identified that keeping items in storage is done as a means to reduce the wear and tear that the materials receive. It was noted that the staff do have a well developed schedule and curriculum with specific activity plans that would allow them to select those items from storage necessary to implement the plan. Ratio was maintained in the center as required by age. Good interactions were observed with all staff being attentive to the needs of the children and implementing the planned schedule.

The center does have health and safety policies in place but implemented practices do need to be reviewed. I was able to observe a diaper change during the visit and the teacher did not deglove between handling soiled and clean materials. Good hand washing practices were observed during the visit with the staff ensuring the children washed their hands and did so in an effective manner. Items such as purses, medications, and chemical cleaners were stored in areas where they were not

accessible to children. A first aid kit was present in the center and contained materials necessary to address most common first aid needs. Safe sleep practices were observed for children under 1 year of age.

The center playground has a climbing structure, spring rockers, and other equipment which were observed to be in good repair. Wood mulch is used for fall surfacing. The level of the mulch has compacted and composted and while some additional material had been installed the amount was insufficient and needs to be supplemented. In addition to the area with the climbing structures there is a green space of natural grass where picnic tables are present, and an area where an astro-turf product has been placed. A paved sidewalk and patio area is also present where children can use riding toys, sidewalk chalk, and other outdoor play items. The playground is fully enclosed by fencing with a combination of chain link, and wooden panels.

The center does have a full kitchen present and meals are prepared onsite. A copy of the menu was posted and was consistent with the served meal of chicken nuggets, peas, fruit cocktail, and milk The menus did identify a good variety of nutritious meal options. Good food storage practices were observed for both refrigerated and dry pantry storage items though there were a couple of bulk items in bags that had been rolled closed. As a reminder all food items whether intended for child consumption or not must be placed in air tight sealable food grade containers once the original packaging seal has been broken. The kitchen was observed to be clean with no evidence of insect or rodent infestation. Meals are served in the classrooms with the teachers providing supervision.

In reviewing administrative records all required postings were present and in an area readily accessible to parents and visitors. Copies of the planned curriculum for each classroom were also posted at the main entry parent board. All child files were reviewed and of the 27 files needed an initial or renewed physical. One option that was discussed with Vicky was the use of a parental statement of health for school age children. All staff files were reviewed with the exception of FBI fingerprint background checks which are maintained in a separate location and which had been verified for all staff in the prior licensing year, with the exception of 2 newly hired employees that Vicky stated has not completed the fingerprint check yet. In addition 2 staff had an expired Iowa SING background check, 2 needed an initial or updated physical, and 7 need on-going professional training. All inspection logs and certificates were current and available with the exception of the Fuel Burning Appliance inspection. This was cited in the prior visit and while it is understood that the church may be responsible for the contracting and billing of service documentation of service does need to be maintained with the center files. The center also makes use of a center owned vehicle for transportation. When requesting service records Vicky did not have those but did contact the garage that provides service which was able to identify the date and work completed for the most recent service to verify that regular maintenance is provided. As a reminder documentation of vehicle service does need to be maintained in the center files. The center did have high radon levels in the prior visit and a new mitigation system has been installed and documentation did show that it was maintaining acceptable levels.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center is participating in the IQ4K program which seeks to implement best practice recommendations. The center's is currently rated a Level 2 program out of a possible 5 level scale.

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

109.6(6)c: Center repeats Iowa record checks at a minimum of every two years or when aware of additional child abuse or criminal history that occurs.
-- Number not in compliance: 2

109.7(1): All staff(within first 3 months of employment)Two hours of approved training FOR the mandatory reporting of child abuse.At least one hour of training regarding universal precautions and infectious disease control.Certification in American Red Cross, American Heart Association, American Safety and Health institute or MEDIC First Aid infant, child, and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) OR equivalent certification approved by the department. A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Certification in infant, child, and adult first aid that uses a nationally recognized curriculum or is received from a nationally recognized training organization including the American Red Cross,American Heart Association, American Safety and Health Institute or MEDIC First Aid or an equivalent certification approved by the department.A valid certificate indicating the date of training and expiration date shall be maintained.Minimum health and safety trainings, approved by the Department. If significant changes occur to content, the Department may require the training be renewed.
-- Number not in compliance: 7

109.9(1)b: All files contain:A signed copy of DHS criminal history record check or any other permission form approved by the Department of public Safety for conducting an Iowa or national criminal history check. A copy of Request for Child Abuse Information.Copies of the results of Iowa records checks conducted.Copies of national criminal history check

results.Any Department-issued documents sent to the center related to records check.
-- Number not in compliance: 2

109.9(1)d: All files contain a pre-employment physical exam report completed within six months prior to hire and at least every three years. Physical exams shall be documented on form 470-5152, Child Care Provider Physical Examination Report.
-- Number not in compliance: 2

109.10(1)a: Preschool (for children five years and younger not enrolled in school): Physical exam report submitted within 30 days of admission, was obtained no more than 12 months prior to admission, is signed by a licensed MD, DO, PA, Chiropractor or ARNP, and contains health history; present health status including allergies, medications, and acute/chronic conditions; and recommendations for continued care if necessary.
-- Number not in compliance: 27

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that: Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Adequate indoor and outdoor space is provided. The outdoor area shall include safe play equipment and area of shade. Sufficient space provided for dining. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. sufficient cooling. Sufficient bathroom and diapering facilities. Equipment, including kitchen appliances, are maintained so as not to result in burns, shock, or injury to children. Sanitation and safety procedures for the center are developed and implemented to reduce risk or injury or harm to children and reduce transmission of disease.
-- The hot water temperature needs to be adjusted so that it does not exceed 120 deg. F. at the spigot when only the hot water tap is open for all sinks used for hand washing. The fall surfacing of the outdoor playground needs to be supplemented to ensure a proper depth of material.

109.11(7)c: All centers: Annual inspection prior to heating season of all fuel-burning appliances to reduce risk of carbon monoxide poisoning and shall install one carbon monoxide detector on each floor that conforms to UL Standard 2034.
-- Documentation not available on the day of the visit -- NOTE 2ND YEAR CITED

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license will remain in effect at this time. Please provide a written response to the licensing consultant identifying a plan of action by 07-15-24 to correct and maintain those aspects cited as not meeting licensing standards and identifying an anticipated date of compliance. 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.