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

Name of Center: Grinnell College Preschool **Enrollment:** 43 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 18072

Street: 1022 Park St **City:** Grinnell Iowa **Zip** 50112 **County:** Poweshiek

Mailing Address: 1022 Park St, Grinnell, IA, 50112

Director's Name: Karen Veerhusen-Langerud **Phone Number:** 641-269-3320

On-Site Supervisor(s): **E-Mail:** veerhuse@grinnell.edu

Date(s) of Visit: 11-28-2023

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:** 11-08-2023

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

Date Inspected: 08-30-2021

Comments : date of compliance - 9/14/21

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			25		25
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 1

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

Licensing Consultant: Melinda Larson, Child Care Licensing Consultant **Date:** 12-04-2023

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

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Grinnell College Preschool is is a preschool program that has a dual purpose. The preschool is located in a single standing building that has a secured entrance. It provides a quality, early childhood program for children ages three through five. The preschool is also affiliated with the Grinnell College Psychology Department. The center serves as a lab setting for Grinnell College students studying psychology. Karen Veerhusen-Langerud has been the director and lead teacher since 1997. She has a Bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education and a Masters degree in Special Education. Connie Molison has been a teacher at the preschool since 1995. College students volunteer during every session.

An unannounced visit was completed on today's date. All areas subject to HHS licensing were reviewed. Mandatory postings are in place in the preschool's entrance area. Children have cubbies in the entrance. The classroom schedules are posted. Lesson plans are available. The preschool has one classroom. There is also another room that is used for large motor play activities. The spacious classroom has many play and learning activity centers: art/painting, legos/lego table, dramatic play, reading, library, blocks, science, puzzles, light tables, felt boards, computer, math, manipulative toys, music.

Karen was present today and assisted with today's visit. Fourteen children were in attendance today. Karen and Connie were the teachers today. There were also four college student volunteers in the class. There were fourteen children present. Children were observed during child directed play and learning activities. Children played individually and in small groups. Staff and the volunteers played alongside the children and assisted the children with their activities.

The center's playground has fencing. There is one large climbing structure. There is pea gravel for surfacing material. There is concrete for riding toys. The center has complete monthly playground checks.

Snacks are served during preschool sessions. Menus reflect CACFP requirements are followed.

The center doesn't provide transportation.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

The center participates in IQ4K and has a Level 1 rating. Karen has been the director/lead teacher for many years. Additionally, Connie has been the assistant teacher for many years. The preschool benefits from their experience and

leaderships. This preschool is unique and children benefit from the additional support and instruction from the college students. The spacious classroom is well supplied with diverse, well developed interest centers.

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.
Both staff needed SING record checks completed in August 2023.
Karen got these checks updated.

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.
One staff needed an updated physical file on record.

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

The center has a full license.

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